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Minutes of the Fourth Bi-ennial Session of the Southern Union Conference, Held at Nashville, Tennessee, Commencing January 9, 1908

THE Conference convened promptly at 9 A. M., Jan. 9, 1908, with Elder G. I. Butler presiding. Elder A. G. Daniells, President of the General Conference, invoked Divine blessing and guidance upon the conference, after which the President made some opening remarks. The following members of the Southern Union Conference Executive Committee were present at the opening of the meeting: Elder Geo. I. Butler, R. M. Kilgore, R. W. Parmele, J. E. Tenney, S. B. Horton, F. R. Shaeffer, A. J. Haysmer, G. W. Wells, R. T. Nash, T. H. Jeys, J. F. Pogue, W. J. Blake, W. R. Hanson, I. A. Ford, and C. P. Bollman, leaving two members absent, W. R. Burrow and L. A. Hansen.

A. G. Daniells, W. C. White, M. E. Kern, and Frederick Griggs were present from the General Conference. R. C. Porter, president, C. Santee, A. Nelson, V. B. Watts, W. W. Eastman, T. J. Eagle, V. O. Cole, C. J. Dart, E. S. Taylor, C. N. Woodward, W. F. Field, and R. L. Pierce were present from the Southwestern Union, and were invited to participate in the deliberations of the conference.

The President remarked that one of the things which had been an encouragement to him and a benefit to the conference is the raising of our allotted portion of the \$150,000 fund, which we have accomplished before any other union conference, thus showing the power of cohesion, and that the conference is willing to lift unitedly. Elder Daniells remarked that another benefit had arisen from it, as it had proven to the Union Conference that it is not only willing, but able. Elder Butler: "This is a long step ahead when we realize that we are able."

The arrival of Elder A. O. Burrill was noted with pleasure, and he was invited to a seat among the delegates.

The President of the General Conference, Elder A. G. Daniells, said, "I am glad for the privilege of meeting the delegates of the South in this Union Conference. I have met with

you annually until two years ago, when Brethren Irwin and Evans came, and I went to the Pacific Coast. I did not expect to be able to meet with you at this time until a short time ago, when the date of the conference was changed, thus making it possible for me to attend. I share with your President the gratitude of heart arising from the increase in this field. The delegations of the past were small compared with this. The publishing work in this field has passed through many struggles. The Lord has blessed the work here, so we have nothing of which to boast, except in the grace of our God. I feel, dear friends, that we ought to press together and join hands for a greater work than has ever been done in the South. Why should we not? The conditions in the United States are more acute than any we have been called upon to meet in the past. Why should we not live closer to God and do a greater work? We are nearer the end.

"The gain in membership in this field has been ten per cent. per year, and in tithe it has been fifty per cent. in the last five years. This increase of tithe shows a steady growth in the South. I believe that the work can be placed upon a self-supporting basis, and I believe that the time is not far distant when this can be done, so far as the work among the white people is concerned. Perhaps this cannot be done this year. The development of the work is just as great in this field as in any other, so far as the results are concerned. You would not know from the figures that it is the South. As the different fields go off the list of those receiving help from the General Conference, our people increase their gifts for the fifty million heathen in India, for China with its three hundred millions, and Africa with its one hundred and fifty millions, and we ought to rejoice, for this means finishing the work. God wants to finish it, and put an end to this life of sin and suffering to man and beast, and take us home to heaven."

Elder Butler suggested that the Vice-President, and the presidents of conferences constitute a standing committee to nominate committees. The motion was supported and carried.

The Chair appointed as committee of three on delegations: C. P. Bollman, G. H. Baber, and L. A. Hansen.

Moved by I. A. Ford, supported by R. T. Nash, that the time be divided by devoting the forenoon to the conference work, and the afternoon to the Bookmen's Convention. Carried.

Upon motion, it was voted that J. S. Washburn, S. B. Horton, and O. C. Godsmark be the committee on reporting.

SECOND MEETING.

SECOND MEETING, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., JANUARY 9.

After opening exercises the committee for nominating committees submitted the following partial report: Committee on Plans, W. C. White, S. B. Horton, R. W. Parmele, I. A. Ford, C. P. Bollman, J. E. Tenney, L. A. Hansen, M. E. Kern, W. A. Wilcox; Committee on Finance, W. A. Wilcox, C. P. Bollman, I. A. Ford, L. T. Crisler, M. F. Knox, A. O. Burrill, and W. H. Williams; Credentials and Licenses, R. M. Kilgore, W. W. Williams, E. L. Sanford; Committee on Distribution of Labor, the conference presidents; Committee on Program, C. P. Bollman, J. E. Tenney, and I. A. Ford. The report was adopted.

The conference then gave way to the Bookmen's Convention.

THIRD MEETING, JANUARY 10, 9 A. M.

President in the chair. Prayer by Elder Porter. There was some discussion relative to the committee for nominating committees, in which Elder W. C. White said that the principles to be followed in the case of nominating officers is to keep the power of nominations as far separated as possible from those in office, or those who are liable to re-election. Upon motion of C. P. Bollman, supported by W. W. Williams, it was voted to admit the newly-organized South Carolina Conference into the Southern Union Conference.

The Committee on Delegations submitted the following partial report: For delegates at large, Elder A. O. Burrill, Elder Smith Sharp, L. A. Smith, Dr. M. M. Martinson; to repre-

sent conferences by request of the presidents, Alabama, W. H. Williams; South Carolina, W. C. Rahn and Mrs. Effie C. Champlin; North Carolina, W. L. Killen; Florida, Mrs. L. T. Crisler. This report was adopted.

Elder Christian, of North Dakota, was invited to participate in the deliberations of the conference.

All ordained ministers in attendance from the different conferences were by vote invited to participate in the deliberations of the conference.

The Committee on Plans presented the following partial report:—

1. That the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida be organized into a union conference to be known as the Southeastern Union Conference.

2. That the Southern Publishing Association be the publishing house of this new union conference.

3. That for the present, the Southern Training School and the Oakwood Manual Training School be the training schools for both union conferences.

4. That we request the General Conference to secure for each of the following conferences, namely, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, at least one minister, one Bible worker, and one assembly tent, and provide their maintenance for one year's campaign in advance work in these needy conferences.

There was supported a motion to adopt, and Elder A. G. Daniells was requested to set forth the reasons for such a division of the conference, which he did in a very lucid way, giving an outline of the division of the General Conference into union conferences, and later the re-division of these unions, showing that the Lord had blessed in these moves, and the work had been greatly advanced in each case, and that a like result is sought by the proposed division of the Southern Union Conference.

Pending further action, the meeting was adjourned to January 11, at 6 P. M.

FOURTH MEETING, JANUARY 11, 6 P. M.

Recommendations No. 2, 3, and 4 were read and duly considered, and the report was adopted with but four dissenting votes.

Elder W. C. White was then called to the chair.

Elder Butler was recognized, and stated that he felt it his duty to say: "I have come to the place where I do not expect to ever hold another office in this denomination. I do not, however, expect to quit the work. I enjoy the lecture field, and perhaps I can still do something in that line. Then there are the camp-meetings, which if it were thought best, I could attend, and I shall continue my writing. About twenty-three years ago when Sister White was in Switzerland, she wrote to me that I must take care of my health, as my talents would be of use in the closing work. I am strong and healthy in every way, but a continued mental strain exhausts my brain force. And now, brethren, in all good faith, I could not get the consent of my mind to accept another office unless it

were on account of special testimony so directing."

Elder Daniells replied to these remarks, voicing the high esteem with which he regarded Elder Butler, and the gratitude he felt for the kindly spirit in which Elder Butler's remarks were made.

Moved by S. B. Horton, seconded by J. E. Tenney, That as a Conference we express our hearty appreciation of the faithful efforts of our retiring President, Elder Geo. I. Butler, and our thankfulness for his spirit of uniform kindness and co-operation. Carried unanimously.

The Committee on Plans submitted the following partial report:—

5. *We recommend*, That our training schools offer more thorough work in the subject of civil government, making a specialty of the religious liberty feature of that branch; that the various arguments, both civil and religious, for the exercise of freedom of speech and of action in all matters of the conscience be studied until every student shall become intelligent in all these important issues.

6. *Whereas*, The Lord has gone before this people opening doors in all nations, so that there is an opportunity to teach the truth of the third angel's message to all the world, and—

Whereas, We believe that this message is to go to all the world in this generation; and—

Whereas, The funds received by the Mission Board are not sufficient to warrant the enlargement of our missionary operations as the opening providences of God seem to demand; therefore,—

Resolved, (1) That we pledge ourselves to endeavor to greatly increase the donations to foreign missions; (2) That we undertake to raise for foreign mission work an amount equal to five cents per week per capita, for our church-membership; (3) That we assume the responsibility of collecting the above specified sum of money in our territory and forwarding the same, month by month, to the Mission Board treasury; (4) That in each union and local conference a missionary secretary be appointed, whose work it shall be to write articles for the papers, hold public meetings, and to correspond with individuals and churches in helping to raise this large foreign mission donation; (5) That for the present we favor the Sabbath-school donations, and the annual and mid-summer offerings for each conference being applied on the above fund, to make the average of five cents a week for each church member; (6) That in each church a person be elected by the church, to be known to the missionary secretary, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the distribution and collection of the missionary envelopes and to in every way encourage the church in systematic giving for foreign missions.

7. *Whereas*, The Scriptures teach that the tithe is reserved by the Lord for the gospel ministry; and—

Whereas, The union and local conferences in the United States recognize the importance of sharing their tithes with the mission fields of the world; and—

Whereas, It is evident from the tithes re-

ported by different conferences, that our funds for mission fields would be largely increased if a full tithe were paid by all the members in our conference, therefore—

Resolved, That we urge each conference in this union to make a most earnest effort to secure the payment of a full tithe in every church, and further—

Resolved, That a special appeal be made by every conference to the officers of all the churches to give this matter personal, prayerful attention, until they are assured that every member is paying a true tithe to the cause.

8. *Whereas*, We have an army of youth today who can do much if properly directed and encouraged, and—

Whereas, God has blessed the efforts that have been put forth in this union conference, therefore—

Resolved, That we endeavor to co-operate fully with the General Conference Missionary Volunteer department in the various plans for the development of our young people in Christian life and their training in the Lord's service, such as the reading course, membership of attainment, systematic devotional Bible study, and organization for personal Christian service.

9. Recognizing the fact that labor for the youth in our borders is the highest kind of missionary work, requiring the most delicate tact, the most thoughtful consideration, the most earnest prayer that heavenly wisdom may be imparted, therefore—

We recommend, That our conferences select the very best talent available for the leadership in this important work, making provision, just as far as possible, that such secretaries may spend more time in vigorous correspondence, and in visiting and working earnestly for the young people in the churches.

10. *We recommend*, That our ministers and church elders make a special effort to co-operate with our Missionary Volunteer Department secretaries in the great objects of this movement, the salvation of our young people, and their training in service.

11. *We recommend*, That as far as consistent, our Union Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary be permitted to visit the camp-meetings, and also to assist in every way possible the conference missionary volunteer secretary in work among the churches, that there may be greater unity and efficiency in this important branch of the work.

12. *We Recommend*, That more earnest efforts be put forth by our ministers and missionary volunteer secretaries for the youth at our camp-meetings, and that the co-operation of parents be enlisted by holding parents' meetings, and that at least one half day be given to a general discussion of the Young People's Work.

13. *We Recommend*, That the Cumberland Conference be made a part of the new conference of Southeastern states, to be organized.

15. As a means of maintaining a standard of educational work in our primary schools, we—

Recommend, That conference secretaries of education provide for a uniform examination in all those schools, based on the grading in

the "Manual for Church and Mission Schools," published by the Southern Publishing Association.

16. *We Recommend*, That at least twice a year a Sabbath be set apart in all our churches for consideration of educational interests, and further that these days be uniformly appointed throughout the union conference, and that the program be provided by the Department of Education.

17. *We Recommend*, That the Executive Committee of the Union Conference arrange for a gathering of teachers at such places and for such duration as may be deemed best.

18. *We Recommend* to our conferences and their educational secretaries that special efforts be made,—(1) To place our School Manual in the hands of all teachers; (2) to place our uniform text-books in all schools as far as practicable; (3) to encourage all teachers to read the books assigned for the study of teachers each year and also some good educational journal.

19. *Whereas*, Great advantages appear in the proposition made by the publishing house to offer scholarships to those who sell books to a required amount,—

Resolved, That we keep the plan before our young people in all the conferences, and encourage as many as possible to take up the sale of books with the earning of a scholarship in view.

20. *We Recommend*, That our primary and intermediate schools conform in the grades of work offered to the plans adopted by the Educational Department of the General Conference.

FIFTH MEETING, JANUARY 12, 9 A. M.

Prayer by Elder Kilgore. Elder W. C. White moved that recommendation 13 of the Committee on Plans be adopted. The motion received support, and was spoken to by Elder C. P. Bollman, who called attention to the fact that the Southern Union Conference had been borrowing money with which to tide the Nashville Sanitarium over its indebtedness until it should become able to pay up and become self-supporting, and representing to the brethren that the moral support of the whole South was back of it, and now to separate the Cumberland Conference with the institutions there that are on a good footing, thus taking away that support, in addition to the four states already set off, seemed to him to be a mistake.

Elder A. G. Daniells said that it did not appear to him that we ought to be governed in the organization of our territory by the financial obligations of our institutions. He said that it is perfectly plain that more financial help must be raised in the Northern conferences for some of our Southern institutions. Although we have just raised fifty thousand dollars for these institutions, the brethren in the North had not decided that no more help should be provided.

Question being called, the recommendation was put to vote, and carried with one dissenting vote.

Elder W. C. White stated that there are six counties in the northwest of Florida, which

geographically ought to belong to the Alabama Conference, as they are difficult of access to the Florida Conference. It was voted that these six counties be added to the Alabama Conference and become a part of the territory of the Southern Union Conference.

The Educational Secretary of the Southern Union Conference, Prof. J. E. Tenney, presented his biennial report. He said, in part, that much of time and effort have been lost in the past through lack of system and unity of action. It has been the effort of this department to correct this difficulty as far as possible; and an invaluable aid in the accomplishment of these ends was the conventions held at East Lake, Tenn., and Huntsville, Ala., during the past summer.

Among the most important steps taken at these conventions were the following: 1. It was decided that a Manual should be prepared that would give specific directions for the organization, conduct, and grading of church and mission schools; 2. That a Reading Circle Course should be adopted, and books chosen each year by a committee selected for that purpose; 3. That uniform text-books should be used in our schools as far as practicable; 4. That uniform certificates be granted to all desiring to teach, upon their passing a satisfactory examination or otherwise furnishing evidence of fitness for that important work; that these certificates be of two grades; the first grade to be granted to those who are faithful in doing the work required by the Reading Circle, reach the required degree of scholarship, and possess a record for successful work; 5. That uniform text-books be used in all schools as a basis of uniform reporting.

These plans are being faithfully carried out. The Manual has been published in neat form, and is now in the hands of the teachers. We believe it will prove of great service to them, and that it will be an invaluable aid in systematizing our school work.

The conventions exercised much care in the selection of text-books, and gradually these are coming into general use. Thus far the department has issued thirty-six certificates; twenty of these being to white teachers, and sixteen issued by request of the Southern Missionary Society to colored teachers. About a year ago, sets of examination questions were sent by the department to intermediate schools, and other schools having pupils in or above the eighth grade. This test is about to be repeated. We believe these uniform examinations will be productive of much good; and we would recommend that our intermediate schools inaugurate a similar plan to be applied to the church and mission schools. These examinations will tend to unify the work, preserve the graded system, and maintain the standard.

A larger proportion of our teachers hold the diploma of one of our training schools than ever did before. It is not too much to say that the efficiency of our teaching force has been doubled within the last four or five years. There has been also an encouraging increase in the length of the school year, and in the number of pupils enrolled.

The following statistical report is based on

the most recent and reliable information that we could obtain.

The Southern Training School has enrolled during the year eighty-eight students, and many of these are of mature minds, and have come to the school with a definite purpose. The average age of the students enrolled is nineteen years.

The Oakwood Manual Training School has enrolled sixty pupils the present year, whose average age is twenty-one years.

The Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute enrolled seventy-seven students last year, and the average age of those enrolled was twenty-four years.

There are five intermediate schools for white students in the union conference, though three of these are not controlled by the conferences in which they are located. If we are rightly informed, there are two schools of this class for the colored—one at Vicksburg, Miss., and one at Plant City, Fla. These school are under the general supervision of the Southern Missionary Society.

The different conferences in the Union report schools as follows:—

Name of Conference	Intermediate	Church School	Mission School	Home School	Number School	Number Pupils	Average School Year in months	No. Pupils above Grade five	Wages per month
Alabama	0	0	1	2	63	8	5	\$16	
Cumberland				No report.					
Florida	1	3	1	0	5	86	6	38	18
Georgia	0	2	3	1	6	100	6	14	19
Louisiana	0	3	1	0	4	49	7	11	25
Mississippi	1	1	8	0	10	286	8	48	24½
North Carolina	1	3	1	1	5	94	6	25	—
South Carolina	0	1	1	1	4	61	5	8	14
Tenn. River	0	3	1	0	5	86	8	59	26

The ten schools reported from Mississippi are colored schools, and are under the supervision of the Southern Missionary Society. This may also be true of a smaller number of mission schools reported from other conferences.

The total number of schools reported by conferences is forty-four; total enrolment, 815; average length of term, 6¾ months; total number of pupils in or above the fifth grade, 408; average wage of teachers in the conferences, \$20.30; total attendance at our three training schools, 225; attendance at other schools not included in conference reports, 152. Total attendance, 1,192.

Of future plans Professor Tenney spoke as follows: "We have taken pleasure in submitting to your Committee on Plans a form for a book of record to be kept by the educational superintendent of each conference. In this book can be kept, for convenience and ready reference, all data relating to the schools and teachers of the conference. This book will provide for the names of all pupils in the schools of the conference as well as interesting information concerning each school. This book, if properly kept, will contain a permanent record of the educational interests of the conference. We hope that there will be an interest taken in this, and that this conference

will make provision for the preparation of such a book.

"We believe that conference officers and others who are familiar with the facts will testify that during the past year no money was invested to better advantage than that which was used in meeting the expenses of the educational convention which was held at East Lake, and also the one held at Huntsville, Ala. In the more efficient instruction given to scores of children, in the soulful interest that has been taken in the welfare of these children, in the blessings that have come to the communities where these teachers have gone, every conference has reaped a bountiful harvest for the little seed that has been sown. It is our opinion that these gatherings of educators should be held annually. The meetings need not be of long duration or a great expense. We trust that your Committee on Plans will carefully consider this important question, and will bring before this body some suggestions having in view the carrying out of this plan.

"Little can be accomplished in the establishment of reforms without the co-operation of conference officers. It may not be out of place at this time to designate a few particulars illustrative of the manner in which this can be done.

"In general we may say that one of the greatest aids that a conference can offer for the advancement of the educational work is to bring the schools within its territory in harmony with the plans of the union conference.

"Conferences can encourage the establishment of schools. They can do all in their power to see that only those who are competent shall be asked to take these schools in charge; and that all such shall have the certificate of the department indorsed by the Superintendent of the Educational work of the conference.

"Teachers can be encouraged and assisted to attend the educational gatherings, and helped in other ways to become more and more proficient.

"Young people who give promise of becoming successful teachers can be encouraged to attend our training schools and prepare for this important work. In all of these and still other ways, conferences can help on this important branch of its interests.

"There is a great demand for consecrated teachers of ability. These need not wait for some church to call them or for some conference to offer them support. There are fruitful openings in every conference where schools should be opened; and these, though conducted in perfect harmony with the conference, and conforming largely to the plans of our educational work, could be self-supporting so far as conference aid is concerned, and by them much good could be accomplished.

"The school at Madison is beginning a great work along this line, and may God richly bless the noble efforts of those who by sacrifice and persevering labor are planting schools of the nature I have described.

"These schools need not always be industrial in their character. There are many places where a Christian teacher would be welcomed,

and where, by proper effort, a good school could be established, which the patrons would gladly unite to support.

"In our educational work this is the call of the hour. More and better schools, in the churches and out of them, for children and youth whose parents are Christians and for those who are not—it is to these that we should give our attention at this time as never before. We need not take the time nor go to the expense of building large institutions, nor is that the thing that is desirable. A Christian teacher whom God sends can go into any one of the communities where the children have few or no school advantages, and establish a work that will break down prejudice, encourage the study of the Bible, raise the people to a higher plane of living, and bear fruit to the glory of God.

"More and better teachers, and a more complete, constant co-operation on the part of our conferences, and an abiding confidence in our educational work as a heaven-designed means of saving the young,—these are the ends for which we should labor and pray.

"I would not close my report without expressions of appreciation for all that has been done by you during the past two years in assisting to advance our educational work. An excellent typewriter has been furnished our office. The expense of publishing the Manual has been assumed by you, your vice-president was permitted to give much of his time to our last educational convention, where he rendered most valuable service, your respected Chairman has at all times shown an interest in this branch of the work, and many other evidences of your hearty interest and co-operation have been enjoyed. For all these we thank you, and pray that the blessings of Heaven will rest upon this important work during the years to come, and that those upon whom the responsibility especially rests may be greatly blessed of God."

Professor M. B. Van Kirk, principal of the Southern Training School, outlined the work, and its advancement in the school. In this year's graduating class, there are several young men who have given themselves to the ministry; some have taken up the medical missionary work, and still others the Bible work.

Professor W. J. Blake, principal of the Oakwood Manual Training School, reported that during the past busy year substantial progress has been made in several ways, particularly in the erection of two much-needed buildings; that a new well has been bored, and when the water equipment is completed, it will, besides being convenient, afford ample fire protection; that besides the standard farm crops, about \$1,384.00 worth of garden products were sold or consumed, and hopes are entertained that the farm will be more productive next year. Medical work has been started; one nurses' class is under training, and a second one soon will be. The enrolment for the past year has been seventy-eight, and the class work has been encouraging. The instruction is of a practical nature, designed to prepare the students to be successful laborers in the cause of pres-

ent truth. During the year nine have been added to the church by baptism.

Professor Blake also presented a Memorial, setting forth the needs of the school and extracts from Testimonies speaking of the important character of the work the school is doing. Means are urgently needed to increase the efficiency of the farm, to make necessary repairs and improvements in the school building, and to erect and equip a sanitarium.

It was voted to place the memorial in the hands of the proper committee with the view of bringing in recommendations.

The Treasurer of the Southern Training School submitted the following financial report, which was adopted:—

STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING

JUNE 30, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Personal acc'ts receivable,	\$1,640.05
Teachers & employes' acc'ts,	55.93
S. D. A. Institutional,	58.82
Bills receivable,	433.62

Inventories.

Real estate,	\$11,250.00
Insurance,	22.66
Printing office,	175.00
School furniture and supplies,	463.41
Cannery,	66.25
Blacksmith shop,	236.35
Sewing dep't,	17.00
Library,	715.00
Laboratory,	228.01
Business office,	280.35
Greenhouse,	360.00
Band instruments,	108.60
Household furniture,	625.23
Bookstand,	220.02
Farm,	7,039.90
Music dep't,	227.00
Culinary dep't,	177.50
L. H. and light,	65.50
Garden and campus,	414.95
Total inventories,	22,692.73
Cash,	911.23
Farm improvements,	49.47
Improvements,	1,609.50
Suspense account,	1.00
S. T. S. store,	21.63
Total resources,	\$27,473.58

LIABILITIES.

Bills payable,	75.00
Personal accounts payable,	18.38
Teachers' and employes' accounts payable,	1,569.52
Deposit on accounts,	2,685.50
Tuition accounts (payable in tuition),	112.94
S. D. A. Inst. acc't payable,	214.20
Band instruments,	118.98
Total liabilities,	4,794.52

Present worth, \$22,679.06

Credit by present worth,	
June 30, 1906,	\$21,057.11
Credit by appropriations,	2,409.45
Credit by donations,	103.65
Dr. by net loss, year ending	
June 30, 1907,	891.15
Southern Training School	
present worth, June 30, 1907,	\$22,679.06

Professor Frederick Griggs of the Columbia University of Washington, D. C., spoke of the reports showing a healthy condition of the educational work, for which he was very grateful, and as the educational work is a very efficient agency in the advancement of the work in the South, it should receive special attention.

Motion to adjourn prevailed.

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SIXTH MEETING, JAN. 12, 1908.

Elder Butler called meeting to order. Elder Burrow offered prayer. This was a meeting of the delegates of the remaining portion of the Southern Union Conference after its division, called for the purpose of reconstructing and supplying any lacking committees.

Moved by Elder Bollman, that as no provision had been made for a nominating committee before the division of the conference, a committee of seven be appointed from the floor. The following persons were appointed: J. E. Tenney, C. P. Bollman, S. B. Horton, L. A. Callicott, A. J. Haysmer, Elder Cruzan, and F. R. Shaeffer. R. M. Kilgore, W. R. Burrow, and A. J. Haysmer were appointed a Committee on Credentials and Licenses.

Upon motion of Elder A. G. Daniells, the resolution of the Southern Union Conference dated May 19, 1907, relative to the legal name of the Southern Training School was rescinded.

The meeting adjourned.

SEVENTH MEETING, JAN. 13, 9 A. M.

Prayer by Elder A. O. Burrill.

Professor E. A. Sutherland, of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, which is located at Madison, by request made a very interesting report of the work of the Institute, giving the history of industrial school work in the Methodist and Baptist denominations in the South. He also gave some of the earlier experiences of the Madison school, showing that the Lord has blessed the efforts in a special manner, and the work has accomplished much, but has been handicapped for lack of funds and buildings.

Professor P. T. Magan told of the earliest experiences of the school. The charter and ownership, giving an attorney's explanation of the law, showing that it is not, and cannot be, owned by any or all of the trustees. The plans for future work were also outlined. The forces at work in the field which will result in conditions which will finally close it to our work, were noted, so that what is done, must be done right early.

Miss De Graw told of the work in the high-ways, or among the better class of people, giving an idea of what has been accomplished along that line, and the plans for future work.

Mrs. N. H. Druillard gave a very interesting financial statement.

Meeting adjourned to 9 A. M., January 14.

EIGHTH MEETING

The Nominating Committee submitted the following partial report: For President, G. A. Irwin; Vice-President, C. F. McVagh; Secretary of Religious Liberty Work, S. B. Horton; Secretary of Young People's Work, Miss K. C. Bickham; General Canvassing Agent, A. F. Harrison.

It was suggested that as the Southern Training School would serve both conferences, the Board should be composed of men selected from each conference. Voted that the Chair appoint a committee of three to confer with the Southeastern Union Conference, and ascertain their wishes with reference to the election of the Southern Training School

Board. The Committee appointed was C. P. Bollman, S. B. Horton, and A. J. Haysmer. Meeting adjourned.

NINTH MEETING, JAN. 14, 9 A. M.

Elder Butler called the meeting to order. Elder C. Santee offered prayer. This being a meeting of the entire delegation, the chair called attention to some results of the division which must be settled. The proposed colored school and sanitarium at Nashville; how is the money for this enterprise to be raised, and who is to raise it? Auditing of the laborers' accounts, and who is to settle the treasury and the Southern Missionary Society? He thought that these things ought to be adjusted before the General Conference brethren leave.

The business manager of the Southern Publishing Association, I. A. Ford, directed that printed copies of the financial report which had been supplied, be distributed to the delegates, after which the Treasurer, R. Hook, Jr., read the report. It was received with favor, as it showed a marked gain, and was unanimously adopted.

It was stated that two committees were necessary, a Committee on Plans and a Committee on Nominations, in order to transact business for the new organization.

Moved by I. A. Ford that the Southern Union Conference Committee on Nominations, with the additional names of R. C. Porter, C. Santee, R. M. Kilgore, and J. F. Pogue, be the nominating committee for the Southern Publishing Association. Carried.

Voted that Committee on Plans appointed for the Southern Union Conference before its division, with the additional names of Brethren Nelson and Pierce, be the Committee on Plans. It was also voted that the Committee on Plans be requested to report an amendment to the Southern Publishing Association Constitution which will give the Southeastern Union Conference a proper representation in the constituency of the Association.

At the evening meeting, held in the interests of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department, the Secretary, Mrs. Lenker, reported as follows:—

	1906	1907	Biennial Term
Missionary letters written,	1,508	1,732	3,240
Missionary letters received,	657	944	1,601
Missionary visits,	3,885	3,312	7,197
Bible readings or cottage meetings,	1,683	2,802	4,485
Subscriptions taken for periodicals,	619	1,611	2,230
Papers sold,	14,265	15,013	29,278
Papers mailed or given away,	18,917	29,236	48,153
Books sold,	1,830	2,280	4,110
Pages of tracts sold,	5,086	19,255	24,341
Pages of tracts given away,	68,628	94,853	163,481
Hours of Christian help work,	2,535	4,779	7,314
Persons supplied with food,	486	584	1,070

Articles of clothing given away,	555	175	730
Total contributions,	\$425.57	\$546.82	\$972.39
Offerings for home mission work,	208.86	266.97	475.83
Offerings for foreign mission work,	216.71	279.85	496.56

Sister Lenker said that in this work there has been a steady advance, though perhaps not at all times rapid. The present membership is 391, distributed among the nine conferences composing the old Southern Union. In the reading course 156 names are enrolled. Considering this an important matter, Sister Lenker requested the ministers, as they go from place to place, to encourage those who have begun this course and to induce others to undertake it. She thought that if each young person in the Southern field would obtain a Morning Watch Calendar, and carry out its suggestions for morning devotions, the results would be of inestimable value. The society at Graysville have been encouraged by seeing a church raised up in a district where they had sent many papers. A minister reaped the harvest, but the papers started the interest. Sister Lenker remarked that the children and young people should be encouraged to give. Wherever special attention has been given to this matter, the result has been substantial donations to missions without taking from the strength of other departments of the work.

TENTH MEETING.

This was a joint meeting held January 15, at 9 A. M. The meeting was opened by prayer and singing. On account of Professor Kern having to leave soon, it was voted that the recommendations on the Young People's Work be discussed. This was done until the Chair gave notice that the hour for the legal meeting of the Nashville Sanitarium had arrived, and pending further action on this report, the meeting adjourned.

ELEVENTH MEETING, JAN. 15, 2:30 P. M.

Elder Butler in the chair. Prayer by Professor J. E. Tenney.

The Committee on Nominations reported, recommending that the Southern Publishing Association elect the following named persons for its Board of Trustees: G. A. Irwin, C. F. McVagh, I. A. Ford, R. Hook, Jr., W. A. Wilcox, C. P. Bollman, and L. A. Smith. The recommendation was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Plans submitted the following report:—

We recommend, That Sec. i of Art. 4 of the By-laws read as follows: "The members of this Association shall consist of the Trustees of this Association and (a) the Executive Committee of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, (unincorporated); (b) the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (unincorporated); (c) the Executive Committee of the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (unincorporated); (d) such members of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference Committee as may be present at any regular or called meeting of the Association; (e) the managers of the branch houses already in operation or

that may be established by this Association; (f) such stockholders of the Southern Publishing Association of Nashville, Tenn., a stock company, as shall donate their stock in said association to the Southern Publishing Association of Seventh-day Adventists, and shall make written application for such membership prior to July 1, 1908."

21. *We recommend*, That Sec. 2 of Art. 4 be amended to read: "A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than fifteen members."

We further recommend, That Art. 8 of the By-laws be amended to read that "meetings of the members of this Association shall be held annually, during the first quarter of the year, at such time as shall be determined by the Board of Trustees, notice of the same being printed for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date fixed for the meeting in the *Watchman*, a weekly paper published at Nashville, Tenn."

Motion to adopt was supported. Moved by C. P. Bollman that Article 5 of the By-laws be so amended that the term of office shall be one year instead of two, as now provided for. Supported and carried.

Voted that Article 6 of the By-laws be amended by substituting the word one for the word two, when the term of office is mentioned. Upon motion, further consideration of the Publishing Association matters was deferred until Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1908, at 9 o'clock A. M. A recess of ten minutes was then taken, at the expiration of which conference was resumed. Prayer was offered.

The financial report of the Southern Missionary Society was submitted as follows:—

RESOURCES.

Accounts receivable,	\$3,496.38	
Bills receivable,	350.00	
<i>Inventory Accounts.</i>		
Columbus lot and school,	750.00	
Greenville school building,	685.99	
Jackson church,	1,000.00	
Lintonia lot and chapel,	1,000.00	
Nashville Winter St. church,	1,500.00	
Natchez lots,	527.03	
Signal, Miss. lot,	25.00	
Vicksburg property,	6,000.00	
Yazoo City lot,	200.00	
"Story of Joseph,"	1,800.63	
Charts,	435.00	
Personal property,	420.75	
Cash on hand,	704.80	18,895.58

LIABILITIES.

Accounts payable,	2,104.32	
Bills payable,	580.00	2,684.32

Present Worth, \$16,211.26

The Secretary of the Southern Missionary Society, Elder C. P. Bollman, gave the following report of the school work during the past year:—

Number of intermediate schools, 1; mission schools, 12; two others in Florida not heard from; total enrolment, 459; average length of school year, 8 3-4 months; average wage of teachers including board, \$24.50; No. holding certificates of the department, 6; No. of pupils in the first grade, 220; 2nd, 77; 3rd, 68; 4th, 28; 5th, 24; 6th, 17; 7th, 10; 8th, 5.

No school has as yet fully adopted the uniform text-books recommended in the Manual. Teachers taking the Reading Course, none.

Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

TWELFTH MEETING, JAN. 16, 1908.

Elder Butler presided, and called on Elder G. A. Irwin to offer prayer.

Resolutions concerning the Young People's Work were discussed by M. E. Kern and others. Recommendations 5, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, relative to the educational work, were re-read, discussed, and finally adopted.

The Committee on Plans submitted the following partial report:—

22. *Whereas*, It is very desirable that the President and other members of the General Conference Committee should attend the regular meetings of the Southern Union Conference for counsel: and—

Whereas, The time of these meetings should be so arranged as to afford opportunity for these general laborers to be present to give attention to the needs of these conferences,—

Resolved, That the General Conference officials be requested to arrange with the different union conferences for such dates of their regular meetings as will conserve the best interests of all concerned.

23. *Resolved*, That the salary and expenses of the General Agent of the Southern Union Conference and the Southeastern Union Conference be met in equal shares by the Southern Union and Southeastern Union Conferences, and the Southern Publishing Association.

24. *Resolved*, That we provide for the active prosecution of the work of selling our relief books, "Christ's Object Lessons," and "Ministry of Healing," for the benefit of our schools and sanitariums, by the appointment in each union conference of a committee of three or more persons who shall constitute a Relief Bureau to take charge of, and lead in the relief work in its union conference.

25. *Resolved*, That the Educational, Medical, and Missionary Departments be represented in the selection of the persons chosen to constitute the Relief Bureau.

26. *Whereas*, It has been voted to request that a tent and tent company be furnished for four of the state conferences of the Southeastern Union Conference, and there is an equal need in the conferences of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Louisiana, therefore—

Resolved, That the General Conference be requested to secure a tent and tent company for these conferences.

Moved and supported that the report be adopted.

Prof. P. T. Magan requested as a matter of privilege to be allowed to move that the name of K. C. Russell be substituted for that of Prof. Frederick Griggs on the committee appointed to investigate the charter and ownership of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute. Carried.

The Financial report of the Southern Conference Association was called for and read as follows, by the agent, C. L. Kilgore:—

RESOURCES.

S. P. A. stock,	\$6,335.00	
Office furniture and fixtures,	204.25	
Merchandise,	3.90	
Accounts receivable,	2,559.69	
Cash,	173.10	9,275.94

LIABILITIES.

Bills Payable,	6,350.00	
Accounts payable,	723.65	
General Conf.,	261.06	
S. U. Conf.,	92.59	
S. U. C. Ass'n,	300.00	
Atlanta property,	70.00	
	723.65	7,073.65

So. Conf. Ass'n.,	\$2,202.29	
Present Worth,	\$2,196.29	
Credit by donations,	6.00	\$2,202.29
Southern Conference Assoc.		
Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1907,	\$2,202.29	
It was voted to adopt subject to audit.		

The Committee on the Investigation of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute submitted the following report:—

1. That said charter has been granted under the general welfare laws of the state of Tennessee, and is for the general welfare of society, and not for individual profit; that none of the members of this corporation are stock-holders.

2. That all the moneys and properties owned by said corporation belong to the corporation, and not to the incorporators, or to the Board of Directors; that the incorporators of this concern are constituted by law, the first Board of Directors for the purpose of management of the concern. In the event of the death of these incorporators, the constituency of the corporation have a right to elect another Board of Directors for the purpose of managing the institution. No properties or moneys belonging to the institution can in any way descend to the heirs or representatives of the incorporators in the event of death. This corporation is organized for educational and religious purposes, teaching the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The properties and moneys belonging to the corporation must be used for the purposes for which the institution was organized. In the event of the Board of Directors misapplying any of the moneys, or misdirecting the use of any of the property belonging to the said corporation, any member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church would have a right to bring the matter before the court, and to have the operations of the Institution reviewed and regulated by order of the court, so that the corporation may fulfil the purpose for which it is organized.

3. The deed from S. N. Haskell to the corporation is a Warranty Deed, conveying a fee simple title to the corporation, and contains general covenants of warranty. The charter is so formed by the law of the state of Tennessee, that no incorporator has any individual interest in any of the property of the corporation.

4. We have heard, or read, the statements

of A. F. Whitman, attorney-at-law of the Nashville bar, and we pronounce his interpretation of this law to be correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CYRUS SIMMONS,
K. C. RUSSELL,
W. A. WILCOX,
Committee.

The question was asked, What is the constituency of the Institute? Professor Magan replied, primarily, the Board of Trustees, secondarily the entire Seventh-day Adventist Church. Brother Simmons explained that as the charter specified that the Institution was chartered to teach the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, if any one should use it to teach otherwise, any Seventh-day Adventist could go into court and have redress. In answer to the question of how the trustees are elected, Professor Magan stated that every one who has given \$25 to the Institution is entitled to one vote, either in person or by proxy, and there are now about three hundred such persons.

Voted to adopt the report of the committee. Meeting adjourned to 5 o'clock P. M.

THIRTEENTH MEETING, JAN. 16, 5 P. M.

The President, Elder G. I. Butler, presided.

Recommendation No. 6 was spoken to by Elder A. G. Daniells, who made a strong appeal for the mission field donations, giving statistics showing the wonderful increase in offerings during the last five years. Recommendation No. 7 was fully discussed. The question being called, they were unanimously adopted.

After a recess of twenty minutes the Committee on Plans at different intervals submitted the following reports:—

27. *Whereas*, In the forming of the South-eastern Union Conference there arise new conditions of responsibility in the conduct of the work in this territory, and—

Whereas, By agreement with the Southern Union Conference the Atlanta Sanitarium is under private control and management, which places that institution outside of our control for a period of two years, which we believe is contrary to the best interests of present plans, therefore—

Resolved, That we endeavor to readjust the conditions covering the Atlanta Sanitarium, in such a way as will place this institution under our control, and that we ask our Conference officials to make necessary provisions as early as possible to develop this sanitarium work. (Referred to Southeastern Union Conference Committee.)

30. SCHOLARSHIPS.

After making a careful study for several months of the various scholarships offered in the United States, and having recently received many suggestions concerning a general scholarship plan for the whole country, we respectfully submit the following outline for your study and criticisms:—

(1) That all our denominational colleges, academies, and intermediate schools join with our publishing houses and state tract societies in offering scholarships at a discount of fifteen

per cent. from the regular cash charges, to all who will earn such scholarships wholly by the sale of denominational literature.

(2) That the schools make a ten per cent. discount from their regular charges, and that the publishing house and tract society in charge of the territory in which the canvassing is done, divide equally between them the remaining five per cent., in this way providing for the fifteen per cent. mentioned in No. 1.

(3) That the state tract society in which the work is done by the student be the custodian of the scholarship funds, and turn over the money due any student on his scholarship direct to the school authorities, wherever the student decides to attend.

(4) That any person desiring to earn a scholarship make full and satisfactory arrangements with the state tract society for doing so, and work in harmony with the regulations of the state tract society, in order to be entitled to these scholarship benefits.

(5) That any person be entitled to draw the money due him on a scholarship at any time, from the state tract society, if he wishes to do so; but in such an event he would receive only the regular commission of fifty per cent. on his sales, the same as other agents; it being understood that in drawing his money he withdraws from the scholarship endeavor, and places himself upon the same basis as other agents.

(6) That all persons who have earned scholarships present to the managers of schools which they may wish to enter, satisfactory evidence that the full amount of a scholarship has been earned, in harmony with the regulations governing the scholarship plan.

(7) That persons who have earned at least one half of a scholarship be allowed to receive the benefits from the same on the pro rata basis as outlined above.

(8) That in case any student, after having earned a scholarship, is unable through sickness or other misfortune, to attend school himself, he may transfer his scholarship to any worthy person whom the officers of his state tract society can recommend, and the authorities of the school can accept as a student.

(9) That state conferences pay the railway fare from the school to their place of labor of such students as qualify properly as salesmen, and are accepted by the state agent, and sign a contract to work at least ten weeks, at forty hours per week, under the direction of the state agent, and in harmony with the regulations of the state tract society; and that when the student has earned his scholarship, and fulfilled his contract to the satisfaction of the state tract society, the conference pay the return fare of the student from the field of labor to the school.

REPORTING.

31. *Whereas*, Reports from the individual canvasser are necessary in order that the publishing houses may have definite information as a basis for the manufacture of books with which to fill orders, and that the state agent may be able to keep proper records of time and place and number of books sold, we therefore—

Recommend, That proper efforts be put forth by publishing houses and conferences, through their proper officers, to educate the individual canvasser to the necessity of reporting each week on blanks provided for that purpose, to the publishing house or tract society, and state agent, and that after proper efforts have been put forth to educate and instruct and persuade if the canvasser refuses or neglects to furnish such reports, the publishing house or tract society agree not to furnish books to said agent.

32. *Resolved*, That with grateful hearts we acknowledge the special blessings of God that have been bestowed upon those engaged in the circulation of our publications during the past year.

We recommend, That each state conference hold one canvassers' institute each year.

We Recommend, That in securing an attendance at canvassers' institutes, the President of the conference write to all members of the Conference Committee, all ministers, licentiates, Bible workers, church-school teachers, church elders, and other officers, requesting them to join the state agent in working up an attendance.

We indorse the plan of holding two or three meetings with the whole congregation at our general camp-meetings, early in the meeting, in the interests of the book work, and would urge that as far as possible, the President of the conference and conference laborers attend, and by their presence and voice assist in creating an interest in the canvassing work.

33. *Whereas*, The spirit of prophecy has spoken of the *Watchman* as an important agency for the dissemination of the message of present truth, and has said that it would accomplish a good work if it was given support, therefore—

Resolved, That we urge upon our workers that they support the *Watchman* (1) by subscribing for and becoming familiar with the paper themselves; (2) by seeking to extend its circulation among our own people; and (3) by urging its use by all our people as a missionary paper.

34. *Whereas*, It is the desire of many in Kentucky to have that state formed into a conference, believing it will be an incentive and help in forwarding the work in that field, we—

Recommend, That a Kentucky Conference be formed of the territory lying east of the Tennessee River in that state.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

Unfinished business was taken up, and Recommendations 22 and 23 were discussed. No. 24 was amended by adding the words, "Story of Joseph;" 25, by adding, "The same to be appointed by the Executive Committee." Question called, and unanimously adopted.

No. 26 was laid on the table until No. 34 should be disposed of. No. 27 was referred to the Southeastern Union Conference. No. 28 was adopted; 29 was referred back to the committee; 30, 31, 32, and 33 were adopted. No. 34 was discussed at length, and pending vote adjournment was taken until 9 A. M., January 17.

FOURTEENTH MEETING, JAN. 17, 10:30 A. M.

Consideration of Recommendation 34 was resumed, and upon being put to vote was adopted. No. 26 was taken from the table and adopted unanimously.

Voted that the Kentucky Conference be added to the Southern Union Conference.

The Committee on Finance recommended that the tithe, and as much of the Southern Union Conference general fund and General Conference appropriations as may be required, be used for the payment of laborers.

Moved, seconded, and voted to adopt.

The Committee on Nominations reported the name of W. A. Wilcox for the Southern Union Conference treasurer, and he was duly elected.

Moved, seconded, and voted, that the Southern Training School, the Graysville Sanitarium, and the Atlanta Sanitarium be instructed to so amend their charters that their constituency shall be in the Southeastern Union Conference.

Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

FIFTEENTH MEETING, JAN. 18, 7 P. M.

Elder Butler presided. K. C. Russell offered prayer.

The Committee on Plans submitted the following partial report:—

35. *Whereas*, There is urgent need of fully equipping the Huntsville School for efficient work, and there are many reasons why this should be hastened, and—

Whereas, The Board of Managers has presented to us a memorial enumerating the improvements most urgent and essential, therefore—

Resolved, That we regard it to be a matter of primary importance that the school be supplied as quickly as possible with the following improvements, which we regard as essential to the efficient and economical prosecution of the work of the school:—

To finish boys' dormitory,	\$800
Painting,	700
Sanitarium building,	5,000
Furniture for dormitory and dining hall,	700
Bakery,	300
Sweet potato house,	450
Canning house,	200
Harness, plows, tools,	350
Teams,	800
Printing equipment,	500
Dairy house,	225
Separator,	100
Additional cows,	400
Barns,	500
Silo,	300
	\$11,325

Resolved, That we request the officers of the General Conference to devise plans for the raising of the necessary funds.

36. *Resolved*, That we approve of the plans of the School Board to issue a monthly report of progress in the form of a small monthly journal.

37. Believing that it is in the providence of God that the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute has been located and built up at Madison, Tenn., and—

Whereas, The founders of this school have been faithful and successful in their efforts to organize and establish the institution on an unselfish and benevolent basis, and—

Whereas, The important work being done at the school should be hastened, to the end that the heavy burdens borne by a few should be lightened, and further financial aid be extended, therefore—

Resolved, That we encourage close mutual co-operation between those in charge of this school, and the brethren bearing the chief responsibilities in our organized conferences, and further—

Resolved, That we ask the officers of the General Conference to advise as to how the means should be secured for the following improvements, which we consider to be essential:—

Sanitarium, to complete building, grounds, walks, etc.,	\$6,000
(This covers main dormitory and bath building.)	
Furnishings for eleven bedrooms, parlor, dining-room, kitchen, etc.,	2,500
Medical equipment, plumbing, bath-room equipment, and heating plant,	2,500
	\$11,000

For the Institute.

Dining-room, kitchen, store-room, and parlor,	\$1,800
Three cottages at \$400 each,	1,200
Barn, outbuildings, cement flooring, etc.,	500
Water plant,	500
	\$8,500

Making a grand total of \$19,500

Resolutions 35 and 36 were spoken to by G. I. Butler, W. H. Armstrong, W. C. White, and others. Question was called, and the vote unanimous to adopt. Resolution 37 was discussed quite fully in the affirmative. W. C. White said in part, "The brethren and sisters who are bearing the burden in this enterprise came into this field with a desire to help. They found the Southern Union Conference weak, and they grew up with a material idea that they should go to the North largely for their students and money. But I believe there would have been more blessing, had we shared our trust with them. In some places there has been opposition to bringing students and means into this work. As time passed, our brethren found themselves under a peculiar pressure. The demands on them were greater, when the opposition in some quarters was greater. Imagine our surprise when this meeting culminated in a desire for closer co-operation in this work. I pray God that it may be a source of strengthening not only to those who are in charge of the school, but also the General Conference men. They will now be able to go to the brethren in the North and say, Brethren, we have been on the ground. We have examined into the workings and the charter, and the work is all right."

The resolution was further discussed by Brethren G. I. Butler, W. W. Williams, I. A. Ford, L. A. Hansen, J. E. White, D. T.

Shireman, E. A. Sutherland, and P. T. Magan. Question was called, and resulted in a unanimous vote to adopt.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SIXTEENTH MEETING, JAN. 19.

The President called the meeting at 9:25 A. M. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. As there was no unfinished business to take up, and the committees were not ready to report, the meeting was adjourned to 11 o'clock, A. M.

SEVENTEENTH MEETING, JAN. 19, 11 A. M.

As no committee had a report for the Conference, the treasurer presented his financial report as follows:—

BI-ENNIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR TERM ENDING DEC. 31, 1907.

RESOURCES.	
Real estate,	\$500.00
Personal property,	872.50
Notes receivable,	329.83
Oakwood school,	940.29
Nashville Sanitarium,	147.42
Southern Publishing Ass'n,	108.05
S. U. C. boarding house,	41.00
Southern Missionary Soc'y,	91.07
Report of Progress	391.96
S. U. C. Association,	3.05
Laborers,	766.16
Cash on hand,	7,266.87
	\$11,458.20

LIABILITIES.	
October collection,	2,800.20
S. U. C. general fund,	1,683.41
Colored work,	1,554.16
Due laborers,	1,745.08
General Conf. appropriations,	621.23
Orphanages,	355.11
Southern work,	108.69
Emergency fund,	100.00
S. C. appropriations,	65.79
Miscellaneous funds,	60.34
S. U. C. tent fund,	15.00
Religious liberty,	14.90
Poor fund,	1.50
S. U. C. stock acc't.,	2,332.79
	\$11,458.20

GAINS.	
Tithe,	\$21,222.64
Donations and appropriations,	5,863.24
Advertising,	25.00
Interest,	13.46
Suspense account,	8.36
	\$27,132.70

LOSSES.	
Laborers' expense and salary, including adjustment of 1905 audit,	\$23,185.95
Interest,	164.50
Donation to Nashville Sanitarium,	532.22
S. U. C. general expense,	150.70
Donation to S. U. C. Association,	500.000
Chattanooga Convention,	113.67
Personal property,	90.22
Home missionary dep't,	38.05
Real estate,	24.60
	\$24,799.91

Gain for year 1906,	\$ 237.27
Gain for year 1907,	2,095.52

Gain for biennial period,	\$2,332.79	2,332.79
		\$27,132.70

Present worth Dec. 31, 1906	\$ 237.27
Net gain for 1907,	2,095.52
Net present worth Dec. 31, 1907,	\$2,332.79

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE CASH RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1, 1906 to Jan. 1, 1908.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1906.....	\$ 7,029.99
Tithe	21,222.64
Annual offerings	2,651.08
Weekly offerings	1,528.79
Sabbath-school donations	3,429.81
Mid-summer donations	403.58
Foreign missions	1,171.09
Southern field, donations	3,658.74
Southern Missionary Society.....	530.35
Colored work	11,729.81
October collection for colored work	1,348.58
Haskell Home	128.68
James White Home	1.73
Orphanages	109.69
\$150,000 fund	6,679.77
General Conference appropriation..	14,249.79
General Conference loans.....	17,166.38
California laborers	614.00
Huntsville School	646.86
Huntsville Sanitarium	100.00
Graysville School	\$ 83.85
Nashville Sanitarium	335.46
Graysville Sanitarium	2.13
Atlanta Sanitarium	1.13
Southern Publishing Association....	267.19
Mission Board	64.96
Missions	107.94
Religious Liberty	206.36
Nashville Agricultural Institute.....	118.09
General Conference Laborers.....	195.00
West Michigan Laborer.....	279.00
Notes receivable	2,349.17
Notes payable	7,375.00
Young People's Work.....	12.25
General Conference loans.....	20,500.00
Natchez Church	10.00
Deposits	11,089.18
"Ministry of Healing".....	242.09
Orphanages	302.67
India	21.48
China	13.28
China missions	38.34
Young people's work in China.....	59.02
China famine sufferers.....	3.77
India mission	8.00
India rest home.....	3.00
Levant missions	31.33
African mission	7.30
Young people's work, Africa.....	5.47
Madagascar	3.20
Kingston, Jamaica	12.00
Jamaica	1.50
Jewish mission	1.55
German fund55
Bermuda	1.00
Japan	16.67
Korea	16.67
South Africa	24.23
Famine sufferers	4.00
Knoxville church	1.65
College	2.50
Smith Sharp donation account.....	5.00
Hazel press	2.65
Hazel church school.....	5.50
Colored work in South Carolina....	59.07
Colored laborers	56.00
E. W. Webster's work in S. Carolina	1.00
Washington work	25.55
Washington, D. C. (\$100,000 fund).	25.00
Publishing work in Trinidad.....	.50
Watchman press50
California relief fund.....	12.17
Earthquake fund	69.13
Pacific Press	94.79
Huntsville appropriation	2,000.00
Huntsville	8.80
Huntsville orphanage	52.82
Orphans, Huntsville	33.66
Colored orphanage50
Education of colored teachers.....	126.00
Colored school	2.50
Education of colored children.....	.55
Colored ministers	46.00
Nashville Colored Sanitarium.....	10.00
Nashville work	156.47
Colored brethren at Nashville.....	5.00
Nashville church	24.29

Nashville school50
Nashville tent company.....	1.00
Graysville	15.80
Work in Mobile.....	5.00
Colored church, Atlanta.....	61.05
Atlanta school	4.70
Church schools in the South.....	50.00
Carribean field	8.50
Birmingham Sanitarium13
International Publishing Association	111.62
International Tract Society.....	12.35
Foreign publishing work.....	.80
Free-will offering to missions.....	16.00
J. E. White, Edgefield fund.....	1.40
Edgefield church	2.50
"Christ's Object Lessons".....	26.00
Literature for the blind.....	4.00
C. G. Howell's school.....	41.83
Chattanooga Convention	50.00
Report of Progress.....	41.80
Hildebran church	5.00
S. U. C. tent fund.....	15.00
Alabama tent fund.....	10.00
Donations	1,002.00
Interest	23.42
Expense items refunded.....	2.70
"Story of Joseph".....	.50
As the Lord Leads.....	2.00
Poor fund	1.50
Second Sabbath offering.....	4.50
Fifth Sabbath offering.....	2.00
Ingathering	36.84
Eight-thousand-dollar fund	5.00
Memphis church	5.00
Spartanburg church	97.55
Elder T. M. Steward.....	100.00
New Orleans work.....	510.00
New Orleans church.....	1.00
Peru mission	1.00
Watchman25
Suspense	8.36
Total	\$143,331.39

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid laborers	\$24,545.52
Mission Board	22,804.53
<i>Institutions.</i>	
Oakwood school	\$10,085.39
Southern Training School	4,005.97
Madison School	721.09
Atlanta Sanitarium	4,036.29
Graysville Sanitarium	2,806.38
Huntsville Sanitarium	100.00
Huntsville Orphanage	827.02
Southern Pub. Ass'n.....	952.21
Louisiana Conference	3,110.42
Mississippi Conference	1,616.44
South Carolina Mission and Conference	1,947.28
North Carolina Conference.....	1,787.93
Georgia Conference	1,874.43
Alabama Conference	1,792.42
Southern Missionary Society.....	4,953.85
Real estate	502.00
Expense	294.73
Personal property	537.05
\$150,000 fund	6,329.97
Deposit with S. P. A., March, 1906	4,275.23
Paid from emergency fund as follows:—	
W. H. Sebastian.....	\$ 9.50
Dr. Isbell-Blake	75.00
R. S. Donnell	39.42
Oakwood School.....	\$300.00
	250.00
	325.00
	85.00
	960.05
Nashville work	1,083.97
Atlanta school	36.83
Nashville church	1.00
Review and Herald	24.29
Postage for \$150,000 fund.....	16.33
Watchman	65.00
C. G. Howell's school.....	2,000.25
Paid General Conference from Southern Field donations	41.83
Home missions	426.38
Report of Progress	31.35
	36.68

Transportation paid by Secretary...	12.80
Hazel press	2.65
Hazel church school	5.59
Florida Conference	155.75
Notes payable	510.00
Notes receivable	7,000.00
Interest	21.94
Knoxville church	1.65
Deposits	3,176.95
J. E. White, Edgefield fund.....	1.00
Orphans and aged.....	89.09
S. U. C. boarding hall.....	41.00
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1907.....	7,266.87

Total

W. A. WILCOX, Treasurer.

This will certify that I have examined the Southern Union Conference book, together with the vouchers, checks, receipts, and stubs, and find the above to be a correct statement of the funds Dec. 31, 1907.

E. H. REES, S. U. C. Auditor.

EIGHTEENTH MEETING, JAN. 20.

Elder Washburn offered prayer.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following partial report: For the Board of the Huntsville School: A. J. Haysmer, W. J. Blake, W. H. Williams, G. A. Irwin, C. P. Bollman, L. A. Hansen, W. H. Sebastian; Missionary Secretary of the Southern Union Conference, Mrs. Tuxford-Crothers; Conference Secretary, S. B. Horton. The committee recommended that the present auditor be invited to complete the present auditing work, and that the election of auditor, or auditors, be left to the Executive Committee.

For Legal Board of the Southern Missionary Society: A. O. Burrill, F. R. Rogers, E. A. Sutherland, P. T. Magan, P. E. Palmer, C. P. Bollman, Mrs. N. H. Druillard.

Meeting adjourned.

NINETEENTH MEETING, JAN. 20, 4 P. M.

Elder G. A. Irwin was elected temporary Chairman. Elder Sharp offered prayer.

The Committee on Plans submitted a further partial report:—

Whereas, The need of developing the work for the colored people in and around Nashville is urgent, and believing that it is an opportune time for engaging in sanitarium work in Nashville, we—

Recommend, That a residence be secured near Fiske University, or in some other suitable locality, for the purpose of beginning a sanitarium work, and to provide a home for nurses and other workers; that Brother D. E. Blake, and Dr. L. C. Isbell-Blake be asked to connect with the enterprise, his labor and pay to be decided by the Southern Union Conference Committee, the Tennessee River Conference Committee, and the Southern Missionary Society, she to look after the sanitarium work, and the sanitarium work to be under the management of the Southern Missionary Society.

We recommend, That the Southern Missionary Society and the Alabama Conference unite in making proper provision for the work at Birmingham, now being carried on by Brother and Sister Blake.

Whereas, We are told by the spirit of prophecy to "hold up the principles of health reform, and let the Lord lead the honest in heart, present the principles of temperance in their most attractive form, circulate the books that

give instruction in regard to healthful living," and "true religion and the laws of health go hand in hand," and "the law of God as given on health reform is for our salvation, and the salvation of the world;" therefore—

Resolved (1), That we request the publishers of the *Watchman* to conduct a department in this paper on true temperance and dietetic reform; (2), that at our camp-meetings, and other general gatherings, instruction be given to our own people regarding our medical missionary principles, to help them to become more familiar with the principles of healthful living and true temperance; (3) whereas we recognize the need of advancement in the study and practice of the principles of health reform, we recommend that our conference officers cooperate with the medical departments in arranging a practical program at our coming camp-meetings; (4) to interest our people in communicating their knowledge of these principles to their fellow-men, by the distribution of health journals and other health literature; (5) that a stronger effort be made than ever before, for placing in the field a large corps of canvassers for our health books.

The report was discussed and adopted.

The Committee on Finance submitted a further partial report as follows:—

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully recommend: That the Orphanage Fund, Poor Fund, and Religious Liberty Fund be equally divided between the two Union Conferences; that any debts against the Emergency Fund be paid, and that the balance be divided equally between the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences.

Recommended, That all donations, legacies, wills, etc., to our institutions be credited to the stock account, and only the operating losses and gains be placed in the loss and gain account.

Recommended, That we request the General Conference to make an additional appropriation sufficient to cover back tithe charged against the Mississippi Conference, in harmony with the suggestion of the President of the General Conference.

Recommended, That the money coming in on the colored work be divided as follows: 40 per cent. to Huntsville School; 40 per cent. to Southern Missionary Society; and 20 per cent. to be divided equally between the two Union Conferences.

Recommended, That the item of \$47.20 belonging to the Medical Missionary Department at present in the treasury of the Nashville Sanitarium be divided equally between the two Union Conferences.

Recommended, That the Treasurer be requested to close his accounts Dec. 31, 1907, that all tithe and local funds received after said date from the Southeastern Union Conference territory be forwarded to the Treasurer of the said Union.

Recommended, That if more funds are required for the payment of laborers to January 1, and of such laborers as are to retire from the employ of both Union Conferences to the close of this meeting, than is now in the tithe fund and the General Conference appropria-

tion, the same be shared equally between the two Union Conferences.

Recommended, That the Treasurers of the two Union Conferences add together all funds coming specified as Southern Work, Southern Field, Colored Work, October Collection, etc., coming from without the Union Conference, and divide it equally between the two Unions for one year.

The recommendations were considered one by one, and adopted.

Recommendations from the Committee on Plans which should have been written with resolutions above, and which were carried with the same vote, are as follows:—

Whereas, We are facing the closing scenes of the great controversy wherein the issue concerning the true and false worship is about to be joined; and—

Whereas, The principles of civil and religious liberty will be constantly and seriously menaced by Sunday legislation, and—

Whereas, To meet the situation in the fear of God, and in order to discharge the duty devolving upon us to make known to our fellow creatures the privileges of civil and religious liberty; and—

Whereas, We should lift our voice against the liquor traffic because of its being uncivil, therefore—

Resolved, That we inaugurate a vigorous campaign throughout the Southern states in educating the people concerning the true principles of religious liberty—

(1) By placing in the hands of all the state officials the magazine *Liberty*, besides other religious liberty literature; (2) by encouraging our people to engage in the sale of *Liberty* to all classes of people; (3) by utilizing the public press; (4) that we put forth an earnest effort in creating public sentiment in behalf of true temperance reform by public addresses and the distribution of literature on the subject of temperance; and (5) that we encourage the circulation of petitions remonstrating against Sunday legislation, and urging the enactment of laws against the liquor traffic.

Recognizing the great need of giving a speedy preparation to colored young people who give evidence of interest in the message and ability to become efficient workers, we—

Recommend, (1) That, as far as possible, we encourage the sale of our denominational books on the scholarship plan; (2) that we create an educational fund by correspondence, and otherwise appealing to our people for the purpose of rendering assistance to worthy students, the disbursement of such to be in the hands of the Oakwood Training School; (3) that we encourage the conferences in the North and elsewhere each to select at least one bright, intelligent young person, and support the same in the Oakwood School; (4) that we request the General Conference Department of Young People's Work to look with favor upon the suggestion of asking, as soon as practicable, our Volunteer Societies to use their energies for a certain period in raising scholarships for worthy young people who wish quickly to prepare themselves for the field.

We recommend, That the REPORT OF PROGRESS be issued weekly, and that it be the con-

ference organ for both the Southern and Southeastern Unions, and that the basis of payment for same be continued as at present.

GRAYSVILLE SANITARIUM.

The business manager of the Graysville Sanitarium submitted the following financial report:—

Graysville Sanitarium, Statement of Accounts.

RESOURCES.	
Personal Accounts,	\$ 608.42
Helpers,	169.21
Chattels inventory,	608.15
Foods inventory,	304.90
Light and fuel inventory,	6.53
Instruments and apparatus	571.00
Drugs and medicines,	68.40
Tools and machinery,	675.61
Unexpired insurance,	102.10
Real estate,	18,459.98
Household furniture,	1,397.18
Office,	153.60
Laundry,	6.35
Printing,	74.00
Sanitary supplies,	11.28
Books and stationery,	37.95
Cash,	497.70
Feed,	85.00
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	\$23,837.36
LIABILITIES.	
Personal accounts,	539.17
Helpers,	1,309.41
Bills payable,	6,828.98
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	8,677.56

Graysville Sanitarium present worth,	\$15,159.80
Graysville Sanitarium Stock.	
Cr. by net stock,	\$14,247.99
Cr. by net gain for 1907,	911.81
Graysville Sanitarium present worth,	\$15,159.80

The report was adopted, and meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

TWENTIETH MEETING, JAN. 21.

Prayer by Elder K. C. Russell.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor reported as follows:—

That S. B. Horton make Nashville his field of labor.

That E. L. Maxwell take the presidency of the Louisiana Conference.

That C. F. Dart make Kentucky his field of labor and take the position of field missionary.

That H. B. Gallion take the position of field secretary of the South Carolina Conference.

That H. G. Miller take the work of field missionary in Mississippi.

That H. B. Tilden take the field missionary work in North Carolina.

Recommended that Elder Irwin take up correspondence with Elder Beuhals with the view of his coming to Kentucky Conference to take charge of the work there.

That W. S. Lowry make Mississippi his field of labor with the view of his taking the presidency.

That A. O. Burrill make the Tennessee River Conference his field of labor.

That Le Roy Crisler make Georgia his field of labor.

That E. W. Carey make Mississippi his field of labor.

That James Bellinger make South Carolina his field of labor.

That R. M. Kilgore labor in the Southern Union Conference under the direction of the Executive Committee.

That Smith Sharp make the Southeastern Union Conference his field of labor.

That G. H. Baber make Florida his field of labor, to labor in Ybor City for Spanish-speaking people.

Moved to adopt by considering each name separately. The report was reread and adopted with the exception of 10 and 11, which were tabled.

The Southern Union Conference Field Secretary, A. F. Harrison, read the following report of books sold during the year:—

State	Agents	Average	Hours work	Orders taken	Value books delivered	Value orders lost	
N. C.	18	12	8852	5117	\$5430.50	\$1020.00	
S. C.	19	10	9594		8259.00	2192.75	
Fla.	13	6	6396	31475	4293.65	1210.35	
Ga.	17	5	3727	2263	2635.91	1110.07	
Ala.	10	6	4957	4389	5377.00	630.00	
Miss.	6	3			1200.80	400.08	
La.	14	7	7434	5334	6155.05	2380.00	
Tenn. R. ..	28	13	10251		6732.00	2778.35	
Cumb. ...	20	8	6146	3602	4560.30	582.80	
		145	70	48357	24180	41822.71	12305.12

Adjourned to call of Chair.

TWENTY-FIRST MEETING, JAN. 21, 6 P. M.

Professor Tenney offered prayer.

Moved, seconded, and voted that Article 5 of the Southern Union Conference Constitution be amended by adding the words, "and such other persons as the Southern Union Conference shall elect."

The Committee on Nominations rendered the following report:—

For Executive Committee of the Southern Union Conference: Business Manager of the Southern Publishing Association, Secretary of Educational Department, Secretary of Medical Department, Secretary of Religious Liberty Department, Secretary of Southern Missionary Society, General Field Agent, Conference Treasurer, and Principal of Oakwood School.

We recommend, That the matter of supplying name for the office of Educational Secretary be referred to Executive Committee.

We recommend, That the Superintendent of the Nashville Sanitarium be Secretary of the Medical Department of the Conference.

On motion of C. P. Bollman, the report was considered item by item, and adopted.

Moved by Elder G. A. Irwin, seconded by C. P. Bollman, that any five members of the Southern Union Conference Committee, including either President or Vice-President, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Carried.

The Committee on Plans presented the following report:—

The following resolution, outlining the plan to employ Field Missionary Secretaries, has been adopted by the General Conference Committee and the General Conference Publishing Department, and is recommended to the state and union conferences as a basis for more

thorough organization of the general tract and missionary and periodical work:—

"That we unite in strengthening and building up the distributing agencies of the Publishing Department, so that they may hold very definitely upon every individual who has espoused the cause of the third angel's message, and enlist him as an active working factor in distributing our publications, and give him the instruction and training necessary to qualify him for work.

"29. To this end we recommend, That a field missionary or corresponding secretary be appointed in each conference, to take active part in the supervision in the field, of the circulation of periodicals, tracts, trade books, and forty-per-cent. books. Among the duties of the field secretary would be the selection, instruction, and direction of periodical workers, the holding of institutes in the churches for the instruction of the members in the methods of home missionary work, auditing librarians' books, and increasing the clubs of our papers, and the sale of literature provided especially for home workers.

"(b) That the field missionary or corresponding secretary be appointed and directed by the State Conference Committee; that he be supported by the conference; and that he hold practically the same relation to the Tract and Missionary Department, as the Field Missionary Agent.

"(c) That the field missionary or corresponding secretary operate closely with the publishing house and conference officers; that his headquarters, if possible, be the conference office, and that he join with the conference office workers when not in the field; that the field missionary or corresponding secretary cooperate closely with the tract society or publishing house; that he make the tract society office or publishing house his headquarters if possible; and that he join with the tract society secretary in the office work when not in the field.

"(d) That a general missionary secretary be appointed by each union conference, to take the general supervision of this work in the union, very much the same as the general agents direct the sale of subscription books.

"(e) That the general missionary secretary be supported by the union conference and wholesale house, the expense to be mutually provided for between them.

"(f) That the general missionary secretary make the wholesale office his headquarters if possible, provided there is such a general distributing center in the union."

Discussion developed the fact that a separate field missionary secretary, as outlined above, is not contemplated for small or weak conferences. This work in that case is to be done by some other worker.

Whereas, There is a crying need for a church building for the colored people in Atlanta, we—

Recommend, That the Southern Missionary Society department of the Union Conference continue its efforts to raise the necessary funds for the purchase of the necessary ground and for providing the needed buildings.

Resolved, That we encourage the raising of

fifteen hundred dollars for the purpose of providing the necessary building, the money now on hand being sufficient to purchase a lot or lots.

Whereas, We are told through the spirit of prophecy that the *Watchman* will "accomplish much good if it is given an opportunity to do its appointed work;" and—

Whereas, It is even now doing much work where it is being faithfully distributed; and—

Whereas, Opportunities for the sale of the *Watchman* are, in a large measure, created by the attitude and action of our conference officers and church officers toward the circulation of this paper; we therefore recommend—

(1) That all conference laborers seek for greater efficiency in the matter of distributing sample copies of the *Watchman*, and securing subscriptions for the same from our brethren and sisters, also from those not of our faith.

(2) That all church elders, leaders, and librarians be urged to work up large clubs of the *Watchman* to be used by the church-members in various missionary efforts.

(3) That the conference corresponding missionary secretaries make a special effort to encourage and develop local *Watchman* workers in regular paper routes; and that the conference presidents and church elders give every possible assistance to the work, by furnishing the secretary with the names of those who are located in places where this work can be taken up advantageously, and in other ways as there may be opportunity.

(4) That the state conference committees be invited to consider the feasibility of employing regular workers, especially in the large cities, who shall be supplied with a weekly club of 100, 200, or 300 copies of the *Watchman*, or as many as can be sold, the plan being that as far as possible such workers earn their support in this way.

(5) That wherever practicable, a suitable person be appointed or elected in each conference whose duty it shall be,—

(a) To study different phases of the periodical work; (b) To have a general supervision of the work of traveling paper workers in his territory, assisting such workers to plan their trips advantageously; and (c) to be a medium of communication between the publishing house and the traveling workers in the conference.

(6) That the selection of such persons be promptly reported to the Circulating Department of the Southern Publishing Association: these persons to labor in harmony with the Department, and the Department to advise other publishing houses of such selection, requesting that agents handling the periodicals published by such other publishing houses plan their paper trips in each conference with the person in charge of that work in such conferences.

Whereas, In the forming of the Southeastern Union Conference there arises new conditions of responsibility in the conduct of the work in this territory, and—

Whereas, By agreement with the Southern Union Conference the Atlanta Sanitarium is under private management, which places that

institution outside of our control for a period of two years, which we believe is contrary to the best interests of the cause; therefore—

Resolved, That we endeavor to readjust the conditions covering the Atlanta Sanitarium in such a way as to place this institution under denominational control, and that we ask our conference officials to make necessary provisions as early as possible to develop this sanitarium work.

We recommend, That the General Conference be requested to assist in securing funds necessary to accomplish this end.

The report was considered item by item and unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Finance submitted a further partial report as follows:—

Recommended, That the Nashville Memorial Church at the corner of 5th and Fatherland Streets be deeded to the Southern Union Conference Association; that we ask the Treasurer of the Southern Union Conference Association to take steps at once to secure the transfer of said property.

Recommended, That each Union Conference present its budget to the General Conference.

Recommended, That the property of the Southern Union Conference be divided between the two conferences equitably, and that the President of the Southeastern Union Conference, C. P. Bollman, and L. A. Hansen choose one other person to act with them as a committee, for the disposition of same.

Recommended, That ten per cent. of the General Conference appropriations to each Union Conference be given to the Huntsville School, to be applied on teachers' salaries.

Whereas, The Southern Training School and the Oakwood Industrial School are the training schools for both Unions, we—

Recommend, That the salary of the principals of the schools shall be paid in equal amounts by both Unions.

The report was discussed and adopted.

The following persons were duly elected a Legal Board of the Southeastern Union Conference Association: K. C. Russell, C. H. Moyers, L. A. Hansen, J. F. Pogue, M. B. Van Kirk, A. J. Heatherington, and G. A. Williams.

Recommendations ten and eleven of the report of the Committee on Distribution of Labor, which had been tabled at a previous meeting, were referred to the Presidents of the South Carolina, Mississippi, and Southern Union Conferences.

Voted that the minutes of this Conference be printed in an issue of the REPORT OF PROGRESS.

The following preamble and resolution was introduced and voted:—

Whereas, The General Conference has exerted much influence and zeal in providing funds for the evangelical and institutional work of the Southern field, and—

Whereas, The Ohio, Kansas, Missouri, Lake Union, Southern California, and other conferences have furnished laborers and support to the different states of the Southern Union Conference during the past two years, which has conduced to the furtherance of the work in these states, therefore—

Resolved, That we extend a vote of appreciation for the fraternal consideration given by these different conferences named, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to them.

Brother Wilcox moved that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to adjust the matters of notes held by the General Conference, between the Southern Union Conference Association and the Southern Conference Association, and that they also arrange to balance the Southern Conference Association books from discrepancies arising from transfer of stock. The move was supported and carried, and W. A. Wilcox, C. L. Kilgore, and L. A. Hansen were appointed. Adjourned to 9 A. M., January 22.

TWENTY-SECOND MEETING, JAN. 22.

The Committee on Adjustments of the General Conference Notes reported as follows:—

That the Southeastern Union Conference be deeded a one half undivided interest in the Oakwood School property, and that the obligation to the General Conference be divided equally between the Southern Conference Association and the Southern Union Conference Association.

Amended to not include the \$1.040 note already S. U. C. E. A. to S. U. C. A. Carried.

C. L. Kilgore requested that a committee of three or more disinterested parties be appointed with the Presidents of both Union Conferences, one or two of whom should be competent accountants, acquainted with legal proceedings, to give counsel in turning over the affairs of the Southern Conference Association and the Southern Union Educational Association.

In pursuance with this request, the conference voted that P. E. Palmer and R. W. Parmele act with the Presidents of the Southeastern and Southern Union Conferences in connection with C. L. Kilgore, in turning over the affairs of the associations.

Voted that the By-laws of the Southern Conference Association be so amended as to make the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Union Conference the constituency.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses reported as follows:—

For Ministerial Credentials: C. F. Mc Vagh, C. P. Bollman, F. R. Rogers, S. B. Horton, W. J. Blake, P. T. Magan, E. A. Sutherland, F. A. Washburn, R. M. Kilgore, E. H. Rees, F. W. Halliday. For Ministerial License: A. F. Harrison, I. A. Ford. For Missionary License: Ida M. Lackey, Edith McDonald, Mrs. M. H. Tuxford-Crothers, Miss Kate C. Bickham, O. R. Staines, Dr. Lottie C. Isbell-Blake, Miss Bessie De Graw, Mrs. N. H. Druillard, W. A. Wilcox, W. H. Williams.

The financial report of the Southern Union Conference Association was mentioned and the auditor's report was given, after which the report was by vote accepted.

In view of the fact that the services of Professor Tenney are necessary in carrying on the Special Course as advertised to open January 28,—

Resolved, That the Southern Union Conference be requested to pay one half of his salary for said time.

Resolved further that he act as Educational Secretary during this term.

This was fully discussed and carried.

I. A. Ford and P. E. Palmer were elected transportation agents, they to act in such capacity for the Southeastern Union Conference until it shall elect such agent.

Elder G. A. Irwin stated that he had passed through three divisions of Union Conferences and had seen less selfishness manifested here than at any other like division.

C. F. Mc Vagh expressed himself as being well pleased with what he had seen since he had come South to become a Southern man and try to help push the work.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

E. H. REES, *Secretary*.

G. F. BUTLER, *Chairman*.

NOTE.—The following motion, made by Prof. P. T. Magan, should have appeared in the minutes of the eleventh meeting of the conference; but it was not supplied by the Secretary, and we were unable to get a copy until it was too late to put it in its proper place:—

I move that our brethren, Judge Cyrus Simmons, W. A. Wilcox, and Prof. Frederick Griggs, be and hereby are appointed a committee to investigate relative to the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, as follows:—

1. Whether the charter of that institution is granted under the general welfare act of the state of Tennessee or not.

2. Whether all the property at Madison is held by the corporation in fee simple, or whether it is in any sense the private property of the incorporators.

3. Whether the commission upon investigation will concur in the opinions and findings of Lawyer A. F. Whitman of the Nashville bar, relative to the status of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, as outlined in his letter to Elder W. C. White, which letter was read before this conference.

The report of this committee will be found in its proper place in the minutes.

A SISTER from Cleveland writes: "I well remember the time, years ago, when we had such wide-awake missionary meetings, and I realize that there has been a great change, and that on account of this change there is a dearth of spirituality in the church. I would be very glad to see the old-time missionary spirit revived, and believe we shall yet see it. I have not been in the South quite two years, but I believe the work can be done here as well as in the North. I was elected librarian in January; but I do not find the state officers the same as we had North, and I have hardly become accustomed to the work here. We are not having missionary meetings, but some good missionary work is being done, and there is considerable interest among outsiders in the truths we hold. Several have commenced to keep the Sabbath, some are halting, although well persuaded; while others are still studying; but the new Sabbath-keepers are the best workers. O, that all might return to their first love and zeal."

NOTHING TO PAY

NOTHING to pay! Ah, nothing to pay!
 Never a word of excuse to say!
 Year after year thou hast filled the score,
 Owing thy Lord still more and more.
 Hear the voice of Jesus say,
 "Verily, thou hast nothing to pay!
 Ruined, lost, art thou, and yet
 I forgave thee all that debt."

Nothing to pay! The debt is so great;
 What will you do with the awful weight?
 How shall the way of escape be made?
 Nothing to pay! Yet it must be paid!
 Hear the voice of Jesus say,
 "Verily, thou hast nothing to pay!
 All has been put to my account,
 I have paid the full amount."

Nothing to pay! Yes, nothing to pay!
 Jesus has cleared all the debt away,
 Blotted it out with his bleeding hand!
 Free and forgiven and loved you stand.
 Hear the voice of Jesus say,
 "Verily, thou hast nothing to pay!
 Paid is the debt, and the debtor free!
 Now I ask thee, Lovest thou me?"

—Frances Ridley Havergal.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE

It may be of interest to the readers of REPORT OF PROGRESS to receive a brief report of the fourth biennial meeting of the Southwestern Union Conference, which was held at Keene, Texas, February 7-16. There was a good attendance from the different states comprising the Union, and a spirit of harmony and unity prevailed from the beginning to the close. Notwithstanding the fact that some very important matters came before the conference, every vote that was taken was unanimous. Elders G. A. Irwin and G. B. Thompson were present, and for three days Elder A. G. Daniells. From 10:30 to 12:00 each day, Elder Irwin gave some very practical studies on the spirit of prophecy and the mission fields, while from 4:30 to 5:30 Elder Thompson gave instruction upon organization. The students from Keene Academy attended these studies, as well as the preaching services in the evening.

Among some of the business matters that came up which may be of general interest, was the receiving of New Mexico as a mission field to the Southwestern Union. This formerly belonged to the Colorado Conference. The western part of Texas was set off as a mission field under the direction of the Union Conference. The conference also recommended that the special number of the WATCHMAN and the mission number of the Signs of the Times be sent to every minister of all denominations in this field, the expense of same to be borne by the respective state conferences.

The same officers were re-elected, and are as follows: President, Elder R. C. Porter; Vice-President, Elder Clarence Santee; Secretary and Treasurer, C. N. Woodward; Gen-

eral Missionary Agent, Elder W. W. Eastman.

A program was prepared and carefully followed out, so that the business of the conference moved with dispatch, and the different branches of the work received proper attention. The reports were all encouraging and the outlook is bright for the continued prosperity of the work in the Southwest.

R. L. PIERCE.

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN GEORGIA

We are glad to report that there are some encouraging omens in our work over the state. A number of calls are coming in, asking for meetings to be held, and it is our intention to answer some of these calls as soon as our canvassers' institute is over.

We expect our institute will be in good running order by the time this paper appears again, and we greatly desire the prayers of our brethren for the success of the work. There is no greater or more important work than that of getting our publications before the public; and to help those who may come to the institute to receive the proper fitting up for this work, carries with it great responsibility.

We are glad to report that we have a laborer located in Brunswick now. Elder A. W. Bartlett, who labored years ago in this state, has returned, and just recently entered upon his duties in that place; a large amount of literature has been scattered in this city, and we hope for a great harvest of souls. I am sure the few Sabbath-keepers in Brunswick will take courage and by co-operation they may see their numbers increased.

A letter from Alpharetta conveys to me the news that Sister Rochelle Philmon has commenced school at that place. This church has had a hard struggle to maintain a school, so many of our brethren having moved away, and then we have not succeeded before in getting a teacher. We feel confident, considering the experience of Sister Philmon, and knowing the success that has followed her efforts at other places, that great blessings and possibilities are in store for the children of this church. We must keep in mind, however, that the teachers alone, be they ever so good, cannot make the schools a success; they need the sympathy and hearty support of every member of the church; without this the best of teachers meet with failure.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Elder K. C. Russell, from Washington, this week: he came down to look over the ground, with the view of locating, in the near future, somewhere in this vicinity, as he takes up the duties that devolve upon him as president of the Southeastern Union Conference.

He also, in connection with Brother Hansen, studied the needs of our sanitarium here, and how we may best equip it for better service. Great possibilities are before this institution, and we trust that, in the providence of God, the way may open up to more fully carry out the design of this enterprise.

GEO. W. WELLS.

NOTES OF PROGRESS

It is with much pleasure that I can say that, since my last report, progress has attended our efforts at Baker's Mountain, so that we now have our school-house ready to commence school in. Only those who know the deep poverty out of which this building has sprung can appreciate how much it means to us.

It is only a modest structure, 20 x 30 feet, with 6 x 8 entry and a belfry; but it has been made of good material throughout, is lined with paper inside and out, double floored with paper between; and will, we trust, prove an acceptable place for the training of the young people of the vicinity, and of pointing them to the right way. The seats were made by the Eufolia Academy Shops Co., and are very satisfactory. The capacity is about fifty.

Brother M. S. Johnson has borne a heavy share in the work by donating lot, labor, and material. Mr. James Link, a neighbor, has also contributed freely, furnishing the dressed lumber and other material. Others have lent a willing hand occasionally; and for it all we express hearty thanks, both to them, and specially to God, the great Giver. We have already begun regular meetings in the building.

As it was my privilege to conduct three classes daily in the Canvassers' Institute at Hildebran, two in Bible and one in music, it would only be proper to mention the great satisfaction and pleasure taken in this work. It is a great privilege to at least strengthen the hands of our dear canvassers, and truly this institute was a source of strength and blessing.

At Toluca our meetings have been attended regularly by several deeply interested families, who seem on the threshold of accepting and obeying the Lord's message for to-day.

Other meetings of interest have been held in Hickory and Cleveland. Also among our nearest neighbors there is a deep interest, and a willingness to read our literature and attend public service.

Pray that the Lord of the harvest may grant fruitage for the labors expended in this part of his vineyard.

ALBERT CAREY.

Hildebran, N. C.

MODESTA, CAL.

I HAVE been thinking for quite a while that I would write a few lines for PROGRESS. I have just read the last issue, and was very much interested in the reports of Brethren Balsbaugh and Wales. I suppose one reason I was more interested in their reports was that they were from my own old native conference, where I accepted the truth thirty years ago this spring. I wish more of our workers would report. I think our people make a wonderful mistake in not reporting more.

I don't think I am so very much different from most human beings, and I know there is nothing that gives me more courage and comfort than to read good reports from our workers, including our good canvassers, who are out going from house to house distributing the printed pages. It encourages the brethren

at home to keep in close touch with the workers. It not only gives the laity courage, but it stimulates them to greater faithfulness in paying their tithes.

I wish to give a little of our experience in our neighborhood. Our brethren of the Modesta church are so far out and so badly scattered that we can't get together to have our mid-week prayer-meeting. My wife and I felt the loss of this meeting so much that we decided to organize one at our home, and ask in our neighbors. We did so, and to our happy surprise we have two or three families that come, and take part, and seem very much interested.

I think we as a people make a great mistake in not mingling more with our neighbors, not to gossip with them, but to help them to see this grand and glorious truth. There are many people who are hungering for something that they have not; and if we could only help them to see this precious truth, we should not only be helping them, but ourselves also to a closer walk with God.

My wife and I have a reading box on the road at the gate of the city cemetery, where a great many people pass every day. By this means we have distributed a great deal of reading matter. The good these silent messengers will do will never be known here, but we are to sow the seed, and God will give the increase.

I want to say once more to the workers, Don't neglect to report, and let the brethren know what is being done.

H. D. DORTCH.

HOW TO MEET THE PEOPLE

A paper read at the Canvassers' Institute held at Hildebran, N. C., December 17 to January 13.

We will first consider how to meet the people in the country. I can only give you what I know. Be kind and courteous. Do not be afraid to shake hands with them and introduce yourself, and when they invite you in and offer you a chair, don't forget to say "Thank you." In this way a good impression is made. When you take out your book, close your grip so that the children will not have a chance to soil your books, causing the mother's attention to be drawn away. Before leaving the house, inquire the name of the people living in the next house, thus preparing you for an introduction there.

When you stop over night, don't be afraid to take the milk pail and milk, cut wood, etc. I find this the easiest way to get acquainted with the people. I will just relate one experience I had while delivering. Two of us stopped over night with a Mr. Abbot. The next morning while I was waiting for breakfast, I picked up the ax and cut a nice little pile of wood. When I came to settle with him for myself, co-worker, and horse, he took the book, "Coming King," and gave me fifty cents, making this remark, "That wood is worth something to me." You can readily see that it paid in this instance.

Now we will consider the city work. Here we need to be polished in our manners. Meet

OVER IT ALL

OVER it all—the care and the fret,
The mixture of joy and the sad regret,
The anxious thought and the burdened heart,
The bitter loss and the cruel smart—
Over it all—this puzzling dream—
His glad love shines with holy beam.

Over it all—the hope and the fear,
The struggle for right when wrong is near,
The kind intent, tho' the words be cold,
The prayer for patience and love's sweet hold—
Over it all His justice lies,
Unchanged by sudden or dark surprise.

Over it all—the day and the night—
The hours of dark, and the seasons of light,
Mistakes and blunders and faults and all
The pitiful cries from those who fall—
His kindness waits to help and bless
With a Father's touch of tenderness.

—Selected.

the people with a pleasant smile. When they invite you in, don't act as if you had never been inside of a parlor before. If necessary to move your chair, don't drag it over the floor, but gently place it where you want it, and without preliminaries, begin in an intelligent manner to show your book. If you succeed in getting an order, kindly thank them and bid them good day.

In the city we are sometimes inclined to pass by some wealthy homes. We should not allow ourselves to do this, for often God's children are there. Sometimes we will see signs like this: "All peddlers, delivery boys, and servants go to the back door." That brings a thought which I wish to impress upon your minds. If you have a side line in connection with your book, such as soap, silver ware, or polishing dust, you will have to comply with the instruction; but if you have only the books presenting present truth, you can go to the front door of that residence and introduce yourself as an evangelistic canvasser. O brethren, let us away with side-lines and live the precious message that we are carrying to earth's remotest bounds.

Would to God that I were able to command language that would cause the heart of every co-laborer in the Master's vineyard to burn within him that he might realize that the fields are white already to harvest, and that to each one of us comes the solemn words, "Go work to-day in my vineyard." When a canvasser goes out in the fear of God, realizing that he is a soldier of Prince Immanuel, he can meet the people with a clear consciousness that he has something they need, and which, if they will read it, will be a heavenly benediction upon them.

R. L. UNDERWOOD.

"THE patient heart,
That bears its heavy cross apart,
And still makes known
Its burden unto Christ alone,—
To this one his sweet Spirit brings
Most dear and gracious comfortings."

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A K Phillips.....	BFL	11	8 40	

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

T H Dobb.....	MISC	17		3 60
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C D Wolff.....	CK BS	48	56 25	41 30
E C Rogers.....	CK BS	50	65 00	24 00
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S G Dent.....	BFL	1	1 00	1 00
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M L Woodall.....	D&R	12	2 50	2 50

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C L Collison.....	D&R BR	100	20 85	20 85
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Jas H Anderson..	BFL NTP	32	51 90	11 05

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W E Lanier.....	D&R BS	5	1 50	1 50
Mattie S Reynolds...	D&R	18	1 50	

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H B Gallion.....	CK	10	2 50	6 00
J B Rise.....	CK	13	13 00	1 00
S H Swingle.....	sofp	17	1 00	35 00
F A Evans.....	sofp	16	4 00	30 00
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Mamie Moore.....	D&R	14	18 65	4 10
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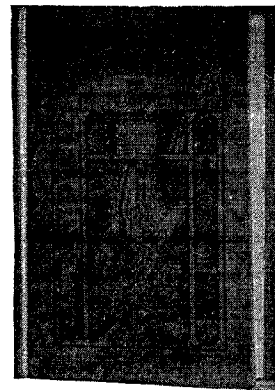
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KENTUCKY, NOTICE!

*Or any in any other state who are interested
in the canvassing work in Kentucky.*

I HAVE been invited by the Southern Union Conference to take charge of the canvassing work in that state, and I shall be glad to correspond with all who desire to canvass.

Spring will soon be here, and now is the time to plan for a good summer's campaign. This branch of the work has run down there. Let us have a grand rally, and revive this work in old Kentucky.

I expect to visit the churches and companies in the state soon, and I ask your hearty co-operation in securing laborers for the canvassing work. Address me, until further notice,—

C. F. DART,

Campobello, S. C.

ALABAMA

An Important Event.

THE Canvassers' Institute being held in Alabama (Feb 13 to 25) is at Marlow. The attendance is good, and the interest manifested is excellent. We expect grand results.

Another institute is to be held in Birmingham, March 10 to 22. These events mark the beginning of a new era in this line of work for Alabama. We have been praying, and I earnestly request the brethren throughout the conference to continue praying, for more laborers. The Lord has told us to pray for more laborers, for the harvest is now ripe. Are there not others to whom these whitened fields are appealing?

These institutes are grand opportunities to prepare for effective service for the Lord. All who possibly can, do plan to attend the institute in Birmingham.

I would be pleased to hear from all who can attend or who are interested in the canvassing work.

R. I. KEATE, *State Agent.*

Marlow, Ala.

REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION

THE report of the Young People's and Sabbath-school Convention held at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, July 10-21, should be in the hands of every one who has to do with the young people's or Sabbath-school work, or is in any way interested in these departments.

The mighty forward movement on the lines of young people's work will surely be an inspiration to those who read the report. The

solidity of the foundation on which it is built gives us confidence in the superstructure.

Secure a copy and read it, that as the work of God advances, we may each one advance with it. The papers which were read, the most of which are here given, together with the recommendations passed, will be a great help to those engaged in either of these departments of work.

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE SOUTH

AFTER a brief stay in Nashville during and following the close of the Union Conference, I accompanied Elder Irwin to Graysville, Tenn., and Huntsville, Ala.

As this was my first visit to the South, and the call to labor in the Southern Union Conference took me completely by surprise, everything was new and deeply interesting to me. Some of my ideas of the soil and conditions in the South underwent decided change, and at every step my appreciation of the needs of the field and work to be done grew. The spirit manifested by the brethren during the conference gave me confidence that a united front would be presented to the enemy, and my courage grew as one by one I was introduced to the work and outlook in the institutions.

It was my privilege to visit briefly the publishing house, the Nashville Sanitarium, the Madison school, the Graysville school and sanitarium, and the Oakwood Industrial School. At each place and at every step were to be seen evidences of hard work and consecrated effort, days and nights of labor and prayer on the part of those who have borne the burden in the past. Past results have doubtless justified all the labor and expense, and that being so, how blessed is the prospect for the future. All these institutions have reached a point where great and increased usefulness is no longer a matter of faith, but is actually in sight. Under God, victories have been won in this difficult field, and faithful sowing and watering of the good seed will bring joy to the laborers in the harvest. I am of good courage in the Lord. At present I am preparing to move to Nashville, and expect to arrive there the first week in March. Until I get moved and settled, my address will be Nashville, Tenn., 24th Ave. N.

C. F. Mc VAGH.

FLORIDA ITEMS.

THERE is to be a Young People's and Sabbath-school Convention in Orlando, beginning about April 2. Let our young people and Sabbath-school workers begin now to plan to attend. We are expecting some help from without the conference. Do not miss it. A letter will be sent to our churches, giving particulars.

Following the convention in Orlando, a Canvassers' Institute will be held. We expect the help of Elder K. C. Russell and Brother V. O. Cole at this meeting. Brother

Cole is our new Union Conference Canvassing Agent. Dr. Lydia E. Parmele will be present, and give instruction in health principles. Canvassers of long experience as well as those who think of entering the work should be present without fail.

The Conference Committee will come together at the Orlando meeting for their spring council. We would be glad to hear of any specially favorable openings for work.

"Florida day!" Yes, what is it? Owing to the fact that the second Sabbath is mission Sabbath, Florida day will be the first Sabbath in March. We are convinced that our brethren would like one day each month set apart to consider the needs of the cause in our own conference. On Florida day these needs will be set before all our churches by a letter from the conference office, and each member will be given a slip of paper on which the condition of each enterprise in our conference will be given. These papers are to be returned the next Sabbath, and given to the church treasurer with donations for these funds. Begin now to prepare for it.

A SOLEMN DUTY AND A BLESSED PRIVILEGE

HOW BRIEF the time before the close of this great work no man may know. He only to whom the future is an open book has his eye upon the date. Doubtless, if for a moment we could look forward through the eyes of him who sees the future as clearly as the past, we would be startled to know how near that event is.

Is there anything that has brought our work to the favorable attention of the people more than the sanitariums and the sending out of our literature? When help is given to the publishing houses and sanitariums, the gospel is being thus proclaimed. Note the following solemn words sent to us through the spirit of prophecy:—

"The end of all things is at hand. The signs foretold by Christ are fast fulfilling. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. There are stormy times before us, but let us not utter one word of unbelief or discouragement. Let us remember that we bear a message of healing to a world filled with sick souls.

"May the Lord increase our faith, and help us to see that he desires us all to become acquainted with his ministry of healing and with the mercy-seat. He desires the light of his grace to shine forth from many places. We are living in the last days. Troublous times are before us. He who understands the necessities of the situation arranges that advantages should be brought to the workers in various places, to enable them more effectually to arouse the attention of the people. He knows the needs and the necessities of the feeblest of his flock, and he sends his own message into the highways and the byways. He loves us with an everlasting love."

J. S. WASHBURN.