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THE SOUTHERN

UNION CONFERENCE

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A FAILURE

He kept his soul unspotted
As he went upon his way.
And he tried to do some service
For God's people day by day;
He had time to cheer the doubter
Who complained that hope was dead;
He had time to help the cripple
When the way was rough ahead.

He had time to guard the orphan, and
One day, well satisfied
With the talents God had given him,
He closed his eyes and died.
He had time to see the beauty
That the Lord spread all around;
He had time to hear the music
In the shell the children found;
He had time to keep repeating
As he bravely worked away:

"It is splendid to be living
In the splendid world to-day!"
But the crowds—the crowds that hurry
After golden prizes—said
That he never had succeeded,
When the clouds lay o'er his head—
He had dreamed—"He was a failure,"
They compassionately sighed,
For the man had little money in his
Pockets when he died.

—Unknown.

TENNESSEE RIVER CAMP-MEETING

THE twenty-second annual session of the Tennessee River Conference was held in connection with the general camp-meeting at Dickson, Tenn., Aug. 12 to 22.

The camp-ground was favorably located within easy walking distance of the city. The citizens of the town manifested a deep interest in the meeting, and the audiences, especially at night and on the two Sundays of the meeting, were good.

The greater part of the business of the conference was transacted early in the meeting. The election was held Monday morning. The president, and also the secretary and treasurer were re-elected, but several changes were made in the membership of the conference committee. Men who are closely identified with

the work of the conference were chosen on the conference committee instead of men who are already overburdened with institutional work.

Every department of the work was given its due share of attention.

Dr. W. A. George of the Nashville Sanitarium was present during several days of the meeting, and rendered efficient service in the medical work. The publishing house had a well equipped book-stand, and the sales testified the high appreciation on the part of the people of the pains thus taken. The Sanitarium-Food Factory had quite a stock of foods on the ground, nearly all of which were sold, giving excellent satisfaction to the hungry purchasers. The dining-tent was conducted upon the Baltimore-lunch plan, and gave excellent satisfaction.

The spiritual tone of the meeting was good from the first, but especially so as the meeting drew to a close. The second Sabbath was a day long to be remembered because of the manifest presence of the Spirit of God. Many gave their hearts to the Lord for the first time, while quite a number renewed their consecration to God.

In addition to the ministers regularly employed in the conference, there were present to assist in the preaching Elders C. F. McVagh, W. S. Lowry, G. G. Lowry, S. B. Horton, E. A. Sutherland, C. N. Martin, and the writer.

Tent-meetings had been conducted in the city for some weeks prior to the camp-meeting. These will be continued for a time, the interest seeming to demand it.

The finances of the conference are in good condition. The people were of good courage financially as well as spiritually, and substantial amounts were donated to the tent- and camp-meeting fund, the Hazel school, Graysville Academy, and two or three other interests, including a scholarship in the Foreign Mission Seminary at Washington.

The past year was marked by a substantial growth, both in the membership of the Tennessee River Conference, and in the amount of tithes received, the increase in tithes being almost one thousand dollars. Aggressive field-work, however, kept pace with the increased

receipts, and the conference enters upon another year with a practically empty treasury, but not in debt. Both workers and people are full of courage because the work of the Lord's prospering hand is being made manifest in this field.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

DEAR BRETHREN:—Our camp-meeting this year was one of the best that we have ever held in the State. We believe its influence for good will be felt throughout the State during the coming year.

Some of the good things we have to report are: two new churches added to the conference; the pledging of an amount sufficient to pay the balance of the Coleman note; the raising of \$330 for a tent fund; and, since the camp-meeting, the erection of a tent-house in which our tents are stored, at a cost of less than we paid for storage last year.

We are about up on our ten-cent-a-week donation for missions, and by constant care we will reach that mark this year.

Another resolution passed was one regarding the fourth-Sabbath offering for the emergency fund. The mission is paying a large part of the payments due each month on the New Orleans property, but we find that we are not able to raise the whole amount in this way. It was therefore recommended that we keep up the offerings for this fund for another year. Let us all remember this work on the fourth Sabbath.

Yours in Christ,
E. L. MAXWELL.

DICKSON CAMP-MEETING ITEMS

THE tent effort conducted by Elder R. M. Kilgore prior to the camp-meeting produced a good and friendly spirit in the town, which revealed itself in the good attendance and excellent order which prevailed.

Eight souls were baptized on the last Sunday of the meeting, among whom was a young lady of East Tennessee who has been a guest of the Nashville Sanitarium, and was induced to attend the meeting at Dickson. She knew very little if any of the truth previous to her coming to the Sanitarium.

The eleven o'clock service of the last Sabbath was a very encouraging feature of the meeting. The young people present took active part in responding to the call for consecration and reconsecration to the Master's service. ~~Two score persons stood up for prayers, among whom was an elderly man (eighty years of age), who lived several miles from the town, but came to nearly all the meetings.~~

Among those who took part in the testimony meetings were some who had been attending the tent-meetings which had preceded the camp-meeting. A prominent lady gave a very encouraging testimony wishing the conference God-speed in the work.

"I have searched for Jesus for fifty-eight years in different parts of the country, having been in many large cities, and at last in a small town I have found him to my soul's delight," was one of the testimonies at this meeting.

Some of the burdens expressed at the meeting were: "I want to live a better life;" "I used to know about Jesus, but now I know him;" "For the last six years I have been going back, but now I am going forward;" "I want to be a better husband, a better father, a better man;" "I want sin to die out in me;" "I want to know every day that I am a Christian;" "pray for my family who are not in the truth."

The Temperance and Religious Liberty rallies were successful and produced much good. At the latter rally there were about ten thousand pages of literature distributed. The Associated Press representative furnished write-ups on these and other meetings.

The Nashville Sanitarium and the Southern Publishing house sent good delegations to the meeting from among the workers, who expressed themselves as greatly benefited by this annual gathering.

The publishing work was represented by a well-equipped book-tent, in charge of G. H. Curtis of the Southern Publishing Association book department. The tent was situated in a prominent place near the large meeting tent, and attracted considerable attention from the people of the city.

The display was very tastefully arranged facing on two sides, the books making a very neat appearance. The largest stock of our books, tracts, Bibles, and periodicals ever exhibited in the South were on sale.

The sales at the book-tent amounted to about two hundred fifty dollars which was very encouraging considering the size of the meeting.

A fair proportion of these sales was to the people of the city who were much pleased with our books.

The display not only spoke well for our book-work but gave a good impression as to the stability of our work in general.

S. B. H.

"I SHALL pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now."

MISSISSIPPI CAMP-MEETING

OUR good camp-meeting held at Meridian is now in the past, and our workers have returned to their labor. I am glad that five of our canvassers could attend this meeting, and they have now returned to their work with renewed courage.

~~One new canvasser has taken up the work with "Coming King," and we have prospects of another experienced worker coming to our conference soon.~~

Quite an interest was taken in the report of the book-work at this meeting, and for the benefit of those who were not there I am sending it to the REPORT OF PROGRESS.

From this report you will see that the work has more than doubled in this given time.

Now brethren, shall we not all take right hold and by the blessing of God keep the work growing right along? It is the long, steady pull that counts.

By a faithful and earnest effort to spread this precious truth we may hasten our Saviour's return, and then go home.

Let us do our part nobly and well.

H. G. MILLER.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Canvassing Report for the First Seven Months of 1908 and 1909

1908			1909		
Month	Val. Ord.	Val. Del.	Month	Val. Ord.	Val. Del.
Jan.	\$	\$	Jan.	\$ 512 65	\$ 69 05
Feb.			Feb.	599 15	133 50
March	151 50	7 50	March	757 15	187 80
April	133 10	83 50	April	526 27	202 50
May	351 50	79 20	May	1038 10	382 85
June	765 25	192 05	June	1038 80	425 00
July	642 90	272 60	July	679 05	261 05

Tot. \$2044 35 \$634 85 \$5150 67 1611 75

For One Year Ending Aug. 1, 1909

No. of hours work.....	9349
Value of orders taken.....	\$6678 15
Value of books delivered.....	\$3108 02

H. G. MILLER.

KENTUCKY

Louisa

ON the *Watchman* list, I found the name of Melissa Martin, and through this sister learned that there were others in that village who were keeping the Sabbath of the Lord.

This town is on the Big Sandy River about twenty-eight miles south from Ashley. Upon arrival, we found that a few years since one of our canvassers was there with our literature, and gave a few Bible readings. These ladies became interested, and finally began to keep the Sabbath. They have encountered opposition from all sides. There has been a power in the message to interest and develop them into intelligent Sabbath-keepers. These four were baptized and sent in their names to unite with the McKinney church.

We promised that as soon as consistent they shall have ministerial help. We greatly enjoyed our two-days' visit with them. This is another evidence of the power of our lit-

erature, and of the great work our canvassers are doing.

Richmond

We had the opportunity of spending two days with this church. ~~There are but three members left here, but another is keeping the Sabbath. Brother Allman has a colored family interested, and keeping the Sabbath. This brother was a slave, belonging to the Clay family. They had their tithes laid by to send into the treasury. They sent their names to the Louisville church for membership.~~

Corbin

There are a few here who are interested and still study the message. A Bible worker should go there. Mrs. Burrill has taken up correspondence with them.

Stanford

Near this place Brother and Sister Dishon began keeping the Sabbath in July. We remained all night with them. They gave us their subscription for the *Review and Herald* and the REPORT OF PROGRESS. They are hoping to send their daughter to the Graysville school this year. Some of this family are planning to attend the camp-meeting. This is another illustration of the power that our literature contains. Only a very few sermons have they heard.

Grove

In company with Brother H. U. Jacobs we spent Sabbath and Sunday, Aug. 7, 8, with this church. During the summer Brother Jacobs has spent the first Sabbath in each month with them. They have much appreciated both his and Sister Jacobs' work.

Two decided to begin keeping the Sabbath, and others are interested. They are planning to complete the church building, and we hope that they can have a two-weeks' meeting at its dedication, when others will be added to their numbers. All renewed their subscription to REPORT OF PROGRESS.

This trip has added ten members to the churches, and brought renewed courage to many. Our own souls have been refreshed. We thank the Lord for the showers of blessings that have come to us.

A. O. BURRILL.

ALABAMA NEWS OF THE CANVASSING WORK

OUR July report has, I think, the largest number of orders of any report we have ever made out for the same length of time. In June our report showed \$1649.40 worth of orders taken, which is \$22.95 greater than this month's; but it was for five weeks, while this one is for only four, the average per week being \$76.76 greater for July than for June.

I have found a number of our people that do not understand why our reports are showing so many orders taken and so few books being delivered. The reason is: just about all of our canvassers are now working for September and October deliveries, especially the last half of October. Watch the change that will come then.

Sister Cory, who has not been feeling well for some time, has gone north for her health, though she had some business to attend to besides. The hot weather did not seem to agree with her. We are very sorry to lose her from our list of canvassers, but we sincerely hope the change will do her good. Brother Cockran has also returned home on account of illness. We hope he will soon be able to return. These workers did so well for the time they were able to put in that their leaving will considerably reduce our subsequent reports. However, the Lord is impressing a goodly number to take up this important work, and the prospects are that in August we will show quite a number of new workers added to our list.

Brethren and sisters pray for the success of those that are at work, and thank the Lord for what he is doing, for certainly he is blessing us.

Fort Payne.

R. I. KEATE.

ALABAMA CANVASSING REPORT

For Four Weeks Ending July 31, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
Ben Griffith	BFL	192	\$339 50	\$13 50
R F Thompson	D&R	84	255 15	
C M Cockran	D&R	72	174 50	37 95
R V Cory	D&R	142	256 35	35 30
Mrs R V Cory	D&R	46	90 10	24 10
Carl Matthews	BFL	15		32 40
W R Elliott	D&R	12	18 25	
Mrs W R Elliott	BFL	—	39 50	3 00
D F Cook	BFL	23	30 50	
A F Harrison	D&R	45	37 50	55 00
R I Keate	D&R	29	38 65	4 20
R Roberts	BFL	131	98 25	39 25
M L Ivory	BFL	198	66 20	27 80
Mrs M L Ivory	BFL	6	1 00	2 50
K Skidmore	BFL	131	167 10	
Excer Caldwell	BFL	26	14 00	

Totals 1152 1626 55 275 00
R. I. KEATE, State Agent.

CANVASSING REPORT OF SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For July, 1909

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Del.	Grd Total
Ky.	13	1683	704	\$1361.05	\$ 745.80	\$2106.85
Aa.	16	1160	806	1515.80	274.70	1890.50
La.	15	981	358	627.55	424.35	1052.50
T. R.	5	807	472	636.15	345.20	981.35
Miss.	10	810	290	704.05	261.05	965.35

Tot. 58 5441 2630 \$4944.60 \$2051.10 \$6996.70

For July, 1908

75 6781 4276 \$4842.31 \$2314.70 \$7157.01

I wish to draw the attention of our canvassers to the above statistics. Study this report. You will notice that Kentucky stands at the head this month. But if you will look at the hours' work, you can see the reason why. You will also see that we came within \$265 of the June report. I think this is certainly good when we consider that the June report had five weeks in it, while July had only four.

In orders, we are ahead of July 1908, while at that time we had seventeen more workers in the field, and five weeks in the month. This, to my mind, shows the effect of having a well-drilled corps of canvassers at work.

We hope that every year will show an advance along this line, for we certainly need more consecrated workers. I regret very much that we have not now more workers in the field than we had this time last year. I trust that every church officer, every minister, and every State agent will do his best to increase this number. I am now at the camp-meeting at Dickson, Tenn., and the canvassing work is coming in for its share of notice.

A. F. HARRISON.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending July 30, 1909

NAME— Book Hours Value Deliv'd

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Rochelle Philmon	H&H	19	\$	\$130 00
M Wheeler	D&R	11	17 75	6 75
Charley Allran	BFL	40	21 00	5 00
Mrs Alice Reynolds	BFL	19	3 80	4 30
Edward Whittier	CK	50	43 25	1 25
H E Beck	D&R	41	19 90	1 00
H C Carmichael	DofA	52	117 10	
L E Taylor	BFL	55	53 50	
W P Ethington	BFL	30	12 00	
Luther Alexander	D&R	20	11 00	
Sans Philmon	CK	11	6 50	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

A B Cheek	D&R	30		12 25
B L Roberts	CK	45	40 75	
Jno Hayman	MofN	45	16 25	6 00
Stella Glasco	BFL	23	13 00	8 00
Mrs A E Frank	3 w H&H	93	147 45	6 50
Gertrude Evans	BFL	35	39 40	
I T Reynolds	MISC	30	4 00	23 00

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Virgil Smith	D&R	42	54 05	4 55
J S Fry	D&R	3	2 75	11 50
W H Haddon	BR	9	1 25	45
C R Callicott	BR	2		1 00
Howard Loftin	BR	2		2 50
Cora Smith	BFL	9	10 05	1 05
Charles Lowry	BR	3		2 25

For Week Ending Aug. 6, 1909

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

R I Keate	—	21		38 05
K Skidmore (Col)	—	19	47 25	
R Roberts (Col)	—	30	29 00	7 25

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

W P Ethington	BFL	10		7 50
H E Beck	D&R	40	8 75	6 75
Charley Allran	BFL	25	5 00	5 50
Edward Whittier	CK	31	23 50	1 00
Lyndon Taylor	BFL	51	21 25	75
Sans Philmon	CK	42	50 00	50
H C Carmichael	DofA	59	75 25	
L Alexander	D&R	46	52 25	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

J N Steel	GC	5	7 35	4 60
John Hayman	MofN	24	3 23	1 50
Stella Glasco	BFL	21	11 00	6 00
Mrs Jno Almendro	CK	32	36 00	59 00

B L Roberts	CK	54	21 00	35 00
C L Collison	D&R BR	6	15 35	7 10
W P McClellan	BFL	30	50 00	5 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Virgil Smith	D&R	48	20 70	2 45
C F Lowry	BR	25		36 00
H E Loftin	BR	20		31 25
C R Callicott	BR	15		24 00
H G Miller	MISC	20	27 65	27 65
Cora Smith	BFL	5	6 75	1 75

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh	GC	63	71 50	2 95
R H Hazelton	MISC	58	53 00	1 00
G W Powers	CK	52	38 25	1 00
C D Wolff	MISC	146	124 70	50 45

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf.	1 wk.	70	76 25	45 30
Kentucky Conf.	2 wks.	652	541 80	170 30
Louisiana Conf.	2 wks.	473	404 78	218 95
Mississippi Conf.	2 wks.	203	123 20	146 40
Tenn. River Conf.	1 wk.	319	287 45	55 40

Totals 1717 1433 48 636 35

ALABAMA PERIODICAL WORKERS' REPORT

For July

Agent	Paper	Hours	No.	Value.
May Vaughn	BTS WATCH	61	1230	\$123 00
Effie Nelson	BTS WATCH	80	600	60 00
Abbie Burdine	WATCH	61	532	53 20
Lynne Rainwater	L&H	19	471	47 10
Hattie Ball	WATCH		257	25 70
Josie Adair	WATCH		243	24 30

Total \$333 30
R. I. KEATE.

Fort Payne, Ala.

MISSISSIPPI

SINCE the General Conference I have visited the following places in this conference. I first visited Amory, where our intermediate school is located. Those who were left there after the school closed are very busy making a crop and tending to the dairy. They have a good crop growing.

From Amory I went to Meridian, where Elder Whitmarsh is holding tent-meetings. He is having some success in bringing souls into the truth. There are three of our boys there selling our books, and helping Brother Whitmarsh in the meetings.

From Meridian I went to Jackson, and spent Sabbath with the company there. This little company is doing some good missionary work, and the Lord is blessing their efforts by converting souls to the truth.

My next stop was at Enid, where Brother and Sister McLeod have recently accepted the truth. I found them faithful, and rejoicing in the message, and they show their willingness to help spread it by giving of some of their means.

I next went to Ingomar where Brother T. C. Coltrin has been laboring all the year. The Lord has blessed Brother Coltrin in his work. We were able to organize a church of eighteen members at this place. They have

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NOTICE TO WATCHMAN AGENTS

THOSE who are selling *Watchman* will greatly oblige us if they will send to this office reports of sales during the month of August at earliest convenience.



A HINT

By the way, a hint has come to us that the editor of the REPORT OF PROGRESS is anxious to get hold of some good, stirring reports from our workers, and we cannot blame her for this. Many of our church-members have said that they cannot see why there are not more reports in the paper. It was voted at the Dickson, Tenn., camp-meeting that we solicit these reports from all that are interested in the work, and the only way we can get them is to send in one from our own pen, and truly others will follow; so send them along, fellow-workers, and help to infuse fresh courage into your brethren as they see that God is blessing you.



NOTICE

ELDER F. R. SHAEFFER has been elected treasurer of the Mississippi Conference. Let all tithes and offerings, at the end of each month, be sent to him, Box 246, Meridian, Mississippi. Please remember this change.

W. S. LOWRY, Pres.



THE cover design for the September number of the *Signs of the Times Monthly* magazine is one of the most attractive we have yet seen. It is from a photograph of Yosemite Falls, Yosemite Valley, California, which are twenty-six hundred feet high. The three-color effect makes a very attractive picture in itself. The leading theme in this number is on the subject of temperance, a very live question at the present time, and it should have a wide circulation.



"BE always displeased at what thou art, if thou desire to attain to what thou art not; for where thou hast pleased thyself, there thou abidest."

built a nice little chapel in which to hold meetings. It is one of the nicest church buildings in that part of the country. The work is moving along in Mississippi.

W. S. LOWRY.

THE SOUTHERN TRAINING SCHOOL

Fall Term

THE fall term of the Southern Training School opens September 29. The courses offered for this term have been carefully arranged to meet the needs of the young people of this field.

The catalogue giving full explanation of plans, cost of tuition, etc., will be sent upon application to the principal, M. B. VanKirk, Graysville, Tenn.

Since this school is the training-school for the Southern and Southeastern Unions it is desired that all the laborers of both unions should encourage the attendance of the young people within this territory.

The school is prepared to carry out the work offered in the courses. Christian teachers of experience have been secured.

The attendance last year was good, and plans have been laid to provide accommodations for all who may attend.

Plan to come in time for the opening, September 29, and be on hand for the organizing of the school.

Those who come would do well to correspond with the school before starting for Graysville.

M. B. VANKIRK.

Principal of School.



MALTED NUTS FREE

WE are getting many encouraging letters. Here is a sample: "Foods received O. K. 15th inst. We are well, very well pleased with all of them, and having used all of the health foods for some years, will say I believe yours equal to the best, and your prices enable us poor folks to use them. Wish you all kinds of success. Look for an order from us in the very near future."

(Signed) JAMES PRINCE,

COMANCHE, IOWA.

The Southern Union Conference is not operating this factory to make money—just simply to supply you with these foods. To come out even on running expenses at these low prices, we must do a large business, and we need your orders and your help. We are glad to report that the factory is running full time, and we must keep it going that way.

After experimenting for some time we have just succeeded in producing an excellent grade of Malted Nuts. As an inducement for you to send your order at once, we will put in a 2-pound can free with your \$5.00 order, or a 4-pound can with your \$10.00 order, provided you send it before September 25, and mention the Malted Nuts.

We claim there are no better foods made in this country than this factory is turning out. Your request by postal will bring price-list.

NASHVILLE SANITARIUM-FOOD FACTORY.
Nashville, Tenn.



NASHVILLE AGRICULTURAL AND NORMAL INSTITUTE NOTICE

THE Annual Meeting of the Constituency of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute will be held at ten o'clock, A. M., Wed-

nesday, October 13th, in the chapel of the Gotzain Hall Building, near Nashville, Tennessee.

The annual meeting of the Trustees, as required by law, is called to meet in the same place at three o'clock on the same day and date.

Signed, P. T. MAGAN, Secretary.



OFFICE NEWS ITEMS

ELDER J. W. CHRISTIAN, General Conference Secretary for the North American Negro Department, made a visit to our office on his way visiting camp-meetings in this section. He will soon locate in this section.

A letter received from Elder E. W. Thoman states that he is *en route* to his new field at Santiago, Chile, South America. He says that he had a few moments' talk with Elder Allen of Lima, Peru, who reported that new interests were springing up in almost all sections of the country.

The publishing house closed down all departments, thus permitting the employees to attend the camp-meeting at Dickson, Tennessee, which was certainly a refreshing season to all who attended that meeting.

Elder W. M. Crothers, who has been having some encouraging experiences in the work in north Alabama, has returned to his home in Nashville for a much-needed rest.

The Temperance rally held at the Dickson meeting on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 15, was largely attended by the citizens of that community. They expressed themselves very favorably in regard to our position on the subject of temperance. Fuller reports will probably appear later.

It is reported that the September number of the *Watchman*, which is now in the hands of subscribers, is among the first September magazines on the market.

Brother Keate, general agent of Alabama Conference, reports July book sales to be \$1,626.55, the largest amount ever reported from that State.



LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Tithe for July, 1909

Individual	\$ 6.40
Jennings	9.90
Newellton	4.10
New Orleans No. 1.....	152.08
New Orleans No. 2.....	58.67
Welsh	54.71
Shreveport	43.45
Lake Arthur	6.65
Hope Villa	21.25
Lake Charles	32.37

Total

\$389.58

MRS. C. A. SAXBY, Treas.



"WHAT are you doing for Jesus?"