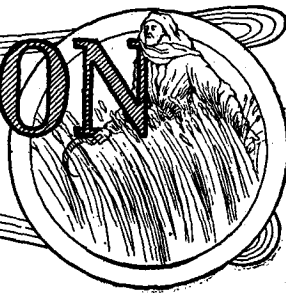


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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

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MINUTES OF SIXTH BIENNIAL SESSION HELD AT NASHVILLE,
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TWELFTH MEETING, 5 P. M., JAN. 23, 1912,

The meeting was held in the Second Seventh-day Adventist Church, Nashville.

The president, Eld. C. F. McVagh, called the meeting to order.

Unfinished business was taken up by continuing the discussion of Resolution 24 which was spoken to by Elds. J. S. Washburn and W. R. Burrow. The resolution was then voted on and carried.

Voted to make reports from mission schools the special order of the hour. The Chair called for the report of the Mission Sabbath-schools' secretary, and Sr. Julia Lowe came forward and reported as follows:—

1910. Number of schools, 24; membership, 557; contributions, \$545.65; to missions, \$507.97.

1911. Number of schools, 32; membership, 680; contributions, \$652.73; to missions, \$636.29.

1910 and 1911. Total contributions, \$1,198.38; to missions, \$1,144.26.

Elder McVagh gave some instruction about keeping the record of funds contributed, explaining that all the offerings intended for missions should be called Sabbath-school Offerings, and all funds raised for expenses should be called Expense Fund.

Professor Bralliar reported the farm work of the Hillcrest School as follows:—

Most of those present to-day, were here and heard our report given one year ago; so in this report I will not go back of the past year. First, let me speak of the school work as it is commonly understood, that is, the study of books. When we began class work at Hillcrest none of the students had reached a higher grade than the third or fourth. The past year almost all of the work done was above the seventh grade, and some of it would be called good ninth grade work. Of course with the class of students we get, the work is bound to be mixed more or less in grade.

We have given four hours per day to class work, besides providing for a regular two-hour study, except during the summer term when the time for class work was cut to two hours. This class work comes in the afternoon. Most of our schools begin at eight in the morning and close at twelve or one; thus putting in little if any more time than we do. The work done by colored students is as thorough as that done by white students in the same grades. In Bible study, I can truly say that I have never taught any class that has taken so great interest, or made such good progress. We now have students that are as well prepared to teach, as many of our church school teachers in our Northern conferences.

But we do not consider this the most important part of our training work. As our students became more proficient in educational lines, we felt that they should begin a definite training for the work to which we are called. We hold no classes on Sunday as we used to do, but use that day for field missionary work. If we have a day during the week that is too rainy or cold for work on the farm, there are always those who wish to visit interested ones. It would be hard to find a colored family in the country for miles around that has not been visited within the last six months, and most of them have been visited often. Nor has this been without results. At least four have begun keeping the Sabbath within the past few weeks. Whether they will prove faithful after being fully instructed on all points of the truth, remains to be seen.

We had planned to start our first regular out-school this fall, and Bro. Robert Cook and his wife were expected to make the beginning. But last spring she took sick and they returned to their old home in Alabama. He engaged in canvassing, but of course could not put in full time. He made a good record however. She gradually failed and September 1, was laid to rest. Three weeks later, their oldest boy was laid by her side. Robert was left with another small boy and no means at all. You and I would have been discouraged; but not he. A few days ago we received a letter saying that while canvassing he found a colored settlement that had no school privileges at all, and that he had opened a school with thirty pupils. He has a farm in view that can be purchased for five hundred dollars, and he feels that he should secure it and make his work permanent. What do you say? We feel that this opening must be carefully investigated as soon as this conference is over, and, if circumstances justify it, the place secured and perhaps another family united with him.

Another of our students, Josie Adair, had felt for some time that God was calling her home to teach her family, and the neighbors how to live, and how to preserve what they raise in summer, for winter use. She left us about three weeks ago. A letter from her says that she finds more to do than she had thought. Of some in the neighborhood she says, "If there are those in Africa that are any more superstitious or more in need of help, I pity them." She closes by saying that she finds plenty of openings and asks our prayers that she may not lose sight of the work she went home to do.

Several of our students are planning to enter the work permanently the coming summer. One has already made a beginning and expects to spend his entire time in Nashville the coming year, if the way opens as we hope it will. He has found friends who have taken the trouble to meet him by appointment several times, and go with, and introduce him to parties to whom he has sold books.

We have had some interesting experiences as a result of

our nursery work. Last spring we sold cut flowers in the city, and the president of the Board of Trade became interested by seeing some varieties he had never seen before. He made inquiries about us, and when he learned what we were doing this fall, he bought a good bill of bulbs himself, and recommended us to his friends, even writing to parties out of the city who gave us orders.

A lady saw a display of cut flowers we made in one of the show windows in the city, and wrote us to call. She asked who we were, and I told her fully of our work. She said she believed in that sort of work, and said she would do what she could for us. I did not suppose that meant much, but she introduced our work to many of the best and wealthiest buyers in the city. That was about two months ago, and we have already sold them over one hundred dollars worth of stock, and the best of it is, some have been asking about our beliefs, health reform, etc. We believe this work is making us friends that will do us good should the time come when there is opposition to the colored work.

Bro. O. R. Staines, business manager, was called upon and reported as follows:—

The past two years have been years filled with varied experiences in our work of upbuilding at Hillcrest. There have been many testing experiences and perplexing problems to meet, but through them all, God has been a very present help, and in him we have found "no variableness, neither shadow of turning." We feel very grateful to our heavenly Father for the progress he has enabled us to make, and to those friends who have encouraged and helped the work in various ways. We want especially to thank our brethren in this field for their kind attitude and for their having done so much to help in informing those at a distance of the real nature of the work.

Perhaps among the items of progress we should first mention the securing of the adjoining farm. This farm was rented a little more than two years ago, with option to purchase on or before the first of November, 1910. We had reached the place where it was necessary to provide profitable employment for more students. Unexpectedly, and we feel, very providentially, the way opened for us to get this farm of about ninety acres. As stated, it was rented for the year 1910, and after having a large number of our conference brethren look over the place it was unanimously voted that we purchase it, which was done a year ago last November.

This farm is well situated for our work. The soil is good, and the buildings on the place are helpful. It has about doubled our farming operations. It has helped materially in the matter of making our support, both in giving added employment, and in raising more of the supplies needed for the school family and for the stock. In 1910 our crop was very good. Early last season our prospect for crops was good; but a severe drought came unusually early, and where we should have had one thousand to fourteen hundred bushels of oats, they had to be cut as hay, making little of that. Our grass seeding was a total loss. For a time the corn looked as if it had been ruined; but later rains revived it and we had a fair crop. These rains brought an abundance of hay, as well as weeds. Our orchard and small fruit has made a remarkable growth. The drought greatly delayed the growth of stock in our nursery and everything appeared to be dying. But the rains came in time to save nearly all. Tomatoes and string beans were plentiful and we canned a good quantity of these, both for our own use, and for the market. Pumpkins, beets, etc., were also canned for our own use. We believe the canner is going to prove of help to us, and there is always an excellent local market for canned goods.

It was evident that we must have some industry that would

furnish a large amount of profitable labor on a small area. As we studied and experimented, it seemed that a nursery would best fulfil these requirements. We issue a list of common perennial plants. We have a good trade from the best class of homes in Nashville. Often we not only sell our stock, but take our students and do the planting. This has gained us many friends, some of whom are active in securing orders for us. We believe this friendship will later prove a protection to our work.

Our poultry still proves profitable. We breed Buff Cochins, Buff Orphingtons, Blue Andalusians, White Leghorns, and White Chinese Geese. In order to secure the better class of trade we this year exhibited our stock at our State Fair, at the Chattanooga, and at the Chicago Poultry Shows, and won nearly every premium in our line at each place.

Because of heavy payments on the last farm purchased, practically all building work has been suspended. A bakery and store house, two poultry houses, and a small separator house have been built. We have, however, done considerable work in repairing the buildings on the place purchased, in fencing, and a large amount of clearing out old fence rows, cutting out thickets, etc.

We have been badly crowded for school room and blackboard space. Accordingly we fitted up the largest room in the Webb cottage for school purposes. Considerable patching and repair work, together with paper and paint, and the addition of plenty of blackboards, has made a transformation. Our dining-room was also crowded and a partition has been torn out, windows and doors added, and we now have a very comfortable room. More recently our kitchen has been re-floored and repaired. All of this work has been done with student labor.

Nearly all of our students have been obliged to either work their entire way, or nearly so, but few of them having any one to whom they could look for help at all with their school expenses. In fact it meant with most of them that they could not attend school unless they could work their entire way, including clothing, books, etc.

It may be of interest to note that the school has been able to provide the following number of hours work in the various departments during the past two years:—

In the Apiary, 35 and 27.

In the Building Department (and repairs), 515, 561; total, 1,076.

On the Farm, 3,102, 4,089; total, 7,191.

In the Garden, 1,581, 1,029; total, 2,610.

In caring for our live stock, harness, buggies, etc., 745, 1,485; total, 2,230.

In the Dairy, 1,349, 2,017; total, 3,366.

In the Nursery, 103, 922; total, 1,025.

In the Orchard, 298, 181; total, 479.

In the Kitchen and Home Work, 6,972, 7,438; total, 14,410.

In the Cannery, 653.

In the Poultry Department, 634, 1,193; total, 1,827.

In Improvements, such as fencing, clearing fence rows, etc., 1,035, 1,791; total, 2,826.

In cutting and hauling wood, 1,215, 1,343; total, 2,558.

In other miscellaneous work, 415, 347; total, 762.

Total during the year 1910 of 18,005.

Total during the year 1911 of 23,080.

Grand total in the past two years of 41,085 hours of work, provided for students who were working their way through school.

While considerable missionary work has been done in the neighborhood, all felt that a more perfectly organized effort should be made. Accordingly the classes formerly held on Sunday are now held Saturday evening. On Sundays nearly every one is out doing house to house work, visiting the sick,

distributing literature, giving Bible readings, selling books and Bibles, holding cottage meetings, assisting in Sunday-schools, and showing themselves generally helpful to the people. Two hundred sixteen of our subscription books, about fifty dollars worth of Bibles, and large numbers of our papers and tracts have been placed in the homes of the people. Nearly every colored family for miles around has been visited, and considerable work done in Nashville. God has added his blessing and already some fruit is being gathered.

Two years ago this month our little company was organized into a church of eighteen members, and now has a membership of twenty-nine. However, seven of these united by letter the past October. During July, six of our students were baptized.

The following items from our church treasurer's report may be of interest:—

	Tithes	Sab. Schl.	Anl. Of.	Miss'ns	Mem.Ch.	Ch.Ex.	"M.of H."
1910	\$ 97 72	\$26 57	\$ 8 90	\$2 90	\$	\$3 54	\$31 00
1911							
1st Quarter	3 67	8 07					I 50
2nd Quarter	36 28	13 12		I 00			
3rd Quarter	13 53	20 09			5 00		
4th Quarter	111 40	24 19	20 35				
Total, 1911 .	\$164 88	\$65 38	\$20 35	\$1 00	\$5 00	\$3 54	\$32 50
1910, 1911 ..	262 60	91 95	29 25	3 90	5 00	3 54	32 50
Total tithes and offerings for 1910.....	\$170 63						
Total tithes and offerings for 1911.....	258 11						
Total tithes and offerings for 1910 and 1911.....	\$428 74						

For the past six months our Sabbath-school collections have averaged almost ten cents per individual per Sabbath, and every cent of it goes to missions. For the past year our tithes have amounted to \$8.24 per capita. In this connection please recall nearly all of our members are students who are working their way through school.

We are always glad to have our people see for themselves the work at Hillcrest, and we extend to each an invitation to visit us while at this meeting, or when most convenient.

O. R. STAINES.

The Committee on Plans submitted the following resolution which was adopted:—

29. *We recommend*, That all regular [Sabbath-school] class offerings be reported as Sabbath-school contributions, and that special, separate collections be taken for local expenses.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned to meet in North Nashville at 8 p. m.

THIRTEENTH MEETING, HELD AT NORTH NASHVILLE CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING, JANUARY 23

MEETING convened at 8:10 p. m., C. F. McVagh in the chair.

Committee on Credentials and Licenses reported as follows:—

Ministerial Credentials: Eld. C. F. McVagh, S. E. Wight, E. H. Rees.

For Honorary Credentials: P. T. Magan, E. A. Sutherland, J. E. White, T. H. Jeys, F. W. Halliday, W. M. Crothers, F. R. Rogers.

Honorary Licentiates: A. F. Harrison, L. A. Smith.

Missionary License: W. A. Wilcox, Mrs. M. H. Crothers, M. F. Knox.

Honorary Missionary License: R. Hook, Jr., O. R. Staines, Miss M. Bessie DeGraw, Mrs. M. H. Druillard, Floyd Bralliar, Ida M. Lackey, Edith Macdonald, C. J. Boyd, Dr. M. M. Martinson.

Mission Workers: Ministerial Credentials: T. B. Buckner, Thos. Murphy, A. C. Chatman, J. H. Lawrence, N. B. King, S. A. Jordan, G. E. Peters.

Honorary Credentials: A. Barry, C. M. Kinny, J. F. Brice. Licentiates: D. E. Blake, J. G. Dasent, W. A. S. Henry, Victor Wolterding, A. Osterman.

Missionary Licentiates: Julia Lowe, Mrs. W. A. S. Henry, Mrs. J. H. Lawrence, Mrs. V. Wolterding, Mrs. G. E. Peters, Delia Wilson, D. V. Barnes, Mrs. D. V. Barnes, Stella Glasco, W. F. Gaskin, Mrs. W. F. Gaskin, Johnnye Vaughan, Lucy B. Miller, J. C. Miller, Katie E. Baker, Katie Holston, C. A. Crichlow, Mrs. C. A. Crichlow, Naomi E. Warnick, Mary Lue Owen, Willie G. Washington, J. F. Weathington, A. J. Jones, Dr. Isabel Blake, J. M. Ragland, Celia Hart, and William Winston.

Upon motion, the report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Plans submitted the following report:—

30. *Resolved*, That we earnestly request the Southern Publishing Association to mail the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER not later than Wednesday of each week.

Whereas, The colored orphanage at the Oakwood School will soon be opened, and the capacity will be limited, therefore

31. *We Recommend*, That great care be exercised in receiving orphans, only the real needy ones being accepted.

32. *Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves to comply with the plan of the General Conference to raise an amount equal to fifteen cents per week per member for missions.

33. *Resolved*, That we approve the plan of the General Conference in apportioning to this Union Conference the sum of \$250 to be raised and paid to the Loma Linda Building Fund.

34. *Resolved*, That we grant the request of the Nashville Sanitarium Association for a vigorous campaign throughout this union, and elsewhere as far as possible, for funds with which to liquidate its interest-bearing debt, and further

35. *Resolved*, That we request the Louisiana Conference to temporarily release Eld. E. L. Maxwell to engage in conducting this campaign as may be arranged by the Union Conference Committee and the Sanitarium Board.

By common consent No. 30 was made the special business of the hour.

The resolution was reread and discussed by A. F. Harrison, C. P. Bollman, E. L. Maxwell, R. Hook, Jr., W. M. Crothers, and Elder Brown.

Upon being put to vote, it was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

FOURTEENTH MEETING, 9 A. M., JANUARY 24

Eld. C. F. McVagh in the chair.

The minutes of the four previous meetings were read and approved.

The Chair explained that through an oversight the report of the Southern Union Mission was omitted yesterday, and called upon P. E. Palmer, secretary and treasurer, for his report. The following annual statement was submitted:—

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY REPRESENTING THE SOUTHERN UNION MISSION DEC. 31, 1911	
Amount due Workers.....	\$ 525.74
Balance Owing On Accounts.....	578.53
<i>Cash Balance:—</i>	
In Safe.....	\$387.07
In Bank.....	158.91
Deficit	558.29

\$1,104.27 \$1,104.27

RECEIPTS

Appropriation from General Conference..	\$11,498.31
Tithe	5,805.38

Tuition from Schools.....	856.07
Donations	288.71
Memphis Tent Fund.....	22.44
Profit from Merchandise.....	51.61
Religious Liberty Offering.....	67
Donations for Louisville Church Building	108.00
General Trust Funds.....	1,242.13
Total Receipts.....	\$19,873.32

DISBURSEMENTS

Labor	\$ 9,484.26
Laborers' Expense.....	2,093.68
School Labor.....	4,600.56
School Expense.....	1,019.91
Total Labor.....	\$17,198.41
Accounts from 1910 Business.....	586.70
Amount Paid Gen. Conf. Negro Dept....	250.00
Donations Louisville Church Building....	250.00
Donations Pensacola Church Building...	100.00
Tent Account.....	132.89
Expense	285.98
Insurance	20.25
Interest	74.98
General Trust Funds.....	1,242.13
Sustentation Account.....	290.27
Total Disbursements.....	\$20,431.61
Net Deficit.....	558.29
	\$20,431.61 \$20,431.61

GENERAL TRUST FUNDS RECEIVED DURING 1911

Annual Offering	\$ 198.11
First-day Offering	49.17
Harvest Ingathering	109.76
Midsummer Offering	56.02
Miscellaneous	5.18
Missions	122.15
October Collections	41.86
Sabbath-school Offering	647.43
Self Denial	7.91
Total on Ten Cents a Week.....	\$1,237.59
Religious Liberty (One Half).....	1.33
Orphans and Aged.....	2.06
\$300,000 Fund	1.15
Total	\$1,242.13

TITHE SUMMARY SOUTHERN UNION MISSION, BY CHURCHES, 1911

Back Tithe from Alabama.....	\$ 152.51
Birmingham Church	333.92
Brookhaven Company	48.76
Clarksdale Church No. 2.....	132.36
Columbus, Miss., Church.....	99.86
Decatur, Ala., Church.....	112.69
Dickard, La., Church.....	4.50
Dothan, Ala., Church.....	60.29
Edgefield Church No. 2.....	24.40
Ellisville, Miss., Church.....	3.40
Gadsden, Ala., Church.....	81.48
Greenville Church	169.20
Greenwood, Miss., Church.....	15.55
Hattiesburg, Miss., Church.....	79.86
Individual	314.93
Jackson, Miss., Church.....	199.25
Lexington, Ky., Church.....	325.99

Louisville Church No. 2.....	665.62
Memphis Church No. 2.....	445.04
Meridian, Miss., Church.....	31.46
Mobile, Ala., Church.....	113.96
Montgomery Church No. 2.....	383.83
Nashville Church	175.79
Natchez, Miss., Church.....	85.64
Newellton, La., Church.....	54.50
New Orleans Church No. 2.....	649.20
Oakwood Church	168.15
Palmer, Miss., Company.....	6.23
Pensacola, Fla., Church.....	456.07
Soso, Miss., Church.....	20.45
Sylacauga, Ala., Church.....	98.78
Vicksburg, Miss., Church No. 2.....	187.16
Yazoo City, Miss., Church.....	106.55

Total

Moved, seconded, and voted, that the report be accepted subject to audit.

D. E. Blake of Rock City Sanitarium reported as follows:—

Number of patients treated since Jan. 1, 1910, 82.

Cash income between \$950 and.....\$ 975.00

Collectable Accounts..... 300.00

Charity Work

Total Value Work Done.....\$1,725.00

He also read several testimonies from the colored people of Nashville, and stated that the Roger Williams School, Fiske University, and other influential institutions are open to them.

Upon motion to adjourn to call of Chair, the Chair announced 2:30 as the hour of the next meeting. Meeting closed with prayer.

FIFTEENTH MEETING, HELD AT NORTH NASHVILLE CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING, 2:30 P. M., JANUARY 24

Elder McVagh presided and the session was opened by singing and prayer. Recess was taken until 3:40, during which the Southern Union Conference Association meeting was held. At the close of the recess the delegation came to order.

The Committee on Plans presented the following resolution as a substitute for 21 and 22 which were referred back to the Committee at the morning session.

Resolved, That for the time being we continue the present plan of operating the Southern Union Mission, at the same time we urge that careful study be given the plans adopted by other unions, with the idea of harmonizing with them as far as possible, such changes being made as may be decided upon by the Union Mission Committee. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 28 was read and spoken to by Elder Haysmer and D. E. Blake. The last named speaker said that a little later he would be at liberty to devote his entire time to pushing the interests of the Rock City Sanitarium, but felt that they ought to have something to push. The building is in a dilapidated condition, the equipment is old and crude. Many of the most wealthy colored people live in Nashville, people who are accustomed to modern conveniences, whose homes compare favorably with the homes of the wealthy white people; and he hoped that the brethren would feel free to assist in putting the sanitarium in a better condition. He does not want elegant or expensive buildings or equipment, but such as will make it rightly represent the truth.

At this point Elder Haysmer was called to the Chair and solicited funds for the Rock City Sanitarium. Pledges were taken to the amount of \$152.

Resolution 31 was read, and spoken to by Elder Haysmer who stated that there were many applications coming in and it would need great care.

Resolutions 32, 33, and 34 were read and question called. Upon vote, all deferred resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:—

For Southern Union Conference Committee: S. E. Wight, E. G. Hayes, B. W. Brown, E. L. Maxwell, W. S. Lowry, C. P. Bollman, C. F. McVagh, C. D. Wolff, E. H. Rees, R. Hook, Jr., M. F. Knox, and the superintendent of the Nashville Sanitarium, not yet appointed.

For Religious Liberty Secretary, L. A. Smith; Educational and Y. P. M. V. Secretary, A. N. Atteberry; Transportation Agents, E. H. Rees and R. Hook, Jr.

Food Factory Board: President, C. F. McVagh; Secretary and Treasurer, M. F. Knox; Other members, Business Manager of Nashville Sanitarium, Secretary and Treasurer of Southern Union Conference, C. P. Bollman, E. L. Maxwell, and B. W. Brown.

For Officers of the Southern Union Mission: Superintendent, the President of the Southern Union Conference; Field Secretary, Eld. C. F. McVagh; Secretary and Treasurer, Eld. E. H. Rees; Educational Secretary, the Principal of Oakwood School; Y. P. M. V. and Sabbath-school Secretary, Julia Lowe.

For Southern Union Mission Committee: The President, Field Secretary, and the Secretary and Treasurer of the Southern Union Conference, the Presidents of the five local conferences, the Principal of Oakwood School, Eld. J. E. White, D. E. Blake, T. B. Buckner, G. E. Peters, Joseph Lawrence, S. A. Jordan, Thos. Murphy, and N. B. King.

For Oakwood School Board: President, A. J. Haysmer; Vice President, C. J. Boyd; Secretary and Treasurer to be chosen by the Board. Other members, S. E. Wight, C. B. Stephenson, W. H. Williams, C. F. McVagh, M. C. Straghan, and T. B. Buckner.

The names of A. J. Haysmer and O. R. Staines, which appear in the committee to act in conjunction with the Southern Missionary Society, were referred back to the Committee on Nominations.

The remainder of the Nominating Committee's report was adopted as a whole.

Moved by W. R. Burrow that the appointment of a medical secretary for the Southern Union Conference and Mission, be left to the Conference Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by D. E. Blake that the matter of an assistant field secretary for the Southern Union Mission be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SIXTEENTH MEETING, 6:30 P. M., JANUARY 24

Eld. C. F. McVagh in the chair. The Committee on Distribution of Labor reported as follows:—

We recommend:—

1. That Eld. Lee S. Wheeler and wife be invited to make the Tennessee River Conference their field of labor.

2. That the Central and Chesapeake Conference Committees be asked to release Eld. C. B. Haynes for work in Louisville, Ky.

3. That the Southwestern Union Conference and the South Texas Conference be asked to release Eld. E. L. Neff, for work in New Orleans, La.

4. That C. F. Dart be invited to accept the position of field missionary of the Tennessee River Conference.

5. That H. E. Beck be asked to take the position of field missionary of the Kentucky Conference.

6. That Eld. E. L. Maxwell be released from the presidency of the Louisiana Conference to carry on the Sanitarium Relief

Campaign as voted, and later to connect with the Tennessee River Conference.

7. That Eld. W. R. Burrow be asked to take the presidency of the Louisiana Conference.

8. That Eld. J. S. Washburn be released for work in the East.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Plans submitted its final report as follows:—

Resolved, That we refer the matter of selecting the Auxiliary Committee of the Southern Missionary Society to the Southern Union Conference Committee.

Resolved, That the matter of selecting an assistant field secretary for the Southern Union Mission be left to the Mission Committee.

This report was unanimously adopted.

Moved by Eld. W. R. Burrow, seconded by C. P. Bollman, that in the case of W. R. Burrow's going to Louisiana, as president of that conference, the name of E. L. Maxwell be placed on the Southern Union Conference Committee. Carried.

Moved, seconded, and voted that all unfinished business be referred to the Southern Union Conference Committee.

A committee appointed to adjust accounts between the Southern Union and the Tennessee River Conferences, reported as follows:—

We recommend:—

(a) That the Southern Union Conference treasurer pay to the Tennessee River Conference the tithe received from the Fountain Head church three years ago, approximating \$137.

(b) We request the Tennessee River Conference to pay to the Southern Union Conference the item of \$147 for Nashville Tent Meeting Expense.

The report was adopted and the Conference adjourned sine die.

C. F. McVAGH, *President*,
E. H. REES, *Secretary*.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending February 23, 1912: Total number of bound volumes, 1,968; *Watchman*, 6,232.

CANVASSERS' LETTERS — ALABAMA

I AM glad indeed to report once more. I am going to put in practise what I learned at the Bookmen's Convention. This week I have been hindered by water. I could not get to my work until the last of the week, but I thank God that I took in \$20.75 in fourteen hours. One lady told me that she heard I had a book that taught that there is no hell and she did not want it. I told her that it was a lake of fire that would burn up the wicked. Mal. 4:1-4. She asked me to explain some more Scripture about the soul, which I did. Then she said she believed that every word I said was the truth, and her husband gave me \$1.50 for "Bible Footlights" and thanked me for selling her the book. I was overjoyed when I left with \$1.50 in my pocket. I give all the praise to the Lord. It was the Lord and not I. He will help those who will let him do the work through them. Pray for me.

I. W. PEVY.

KENTUCKY

I AM glad to say that I am still enjoying the valuable blessings of the Lord, and am also glad that the Lord has given us the keys that will unlock all the mysteries. The world because of its unbelief has kept itself in darkness and from

the hidden treasures that would cause it to inherit all things. This is surely a great work to be in, to open the eyes of the blind and to awaken them to the shortness of time. They have to decide which they will choose,—the mere trifle, the sweet morsel of Esau, or the heritage of Jacob. The yoke of Christ is easy and his burden is light. The sure way to be a blessing to ourselves and to others and to gain eternal life, is not to be slack in teaching others the way of salvation. It will cause us to be most happy in the life eternal to look upon those that we have had a part in saving.

Last week I lodged with one family who appeared to be anxious to know the way of salvation. We sat up until late at night and had a very good talk together. I also took their order for my book in the best binding. I praise the Lord for the part he has given me in this work. D. C. RAY.

I AM in good spirits and am learning to love the work of bringing people to a knowledge of this truth and of their Saviour. CURTIS POUND.

In a recent letter from Bro. C. H. Jones, manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, we learn that their financial statement shows most wonderful progress for the year 1911, the net gain for the year being \$28,917.97. Brother Jones in commenting on the showing says: "This is truly wonderful and is beyond our most sanguine expectations. We cut down our inventory, made liberal allowance for depreciation, etc., and yet we were able to show this handsome gain which, of course, does not include donations. A few years like this and our interest-bearing debt will be wiped out, and then we will have a goodly sum of money to devote to foreign mission work."

We rejoice with our sister institution on the Coast in the success which is attending their work. We are all organized for the same purpose, that of publishing literature which contains a message of warning to a dying world. If we are rightly related to God we should not be surprised that success attends our efforts.

Eld. W. W. Eastman arrived at Nashville Thursday night, and has already taken up his duties as manager of our Book and Periodical Department. Brother Eastman is a man of long experience in our work and we are glad to welcome him as a member of the office family. At the first meeting of our board held for purposes of organization at the last annual meeting, Elder Eastman was also elected vice-president of our Association.

Bro. B. N. Brown, who has been connected with our Periodical Department for the past year, will continue his present duties and act as assistant to Brother Eastman in pushing the circulation of our good magazine, the *Watchman*, Brother Eastman's efforts being largely concentrated on the book work. Do not forget that our *Watchman* slogan for 1912 is *An average monthly circulation of 50,000 by December 31*. Let us not only remember the slogan, but let each and every one purpose in his heart to make it an accomplished fact.

In a letter from Elder Nettleton, received a few days ago, he inclosed a little pamphlet entitled, "The Practise of Prayer," by James H. McConkey. For your encouragement we will quote from one chapter.

"Ye have not, because ye ask not." James 4:2. If you do not pray, some laborer will not go forth into the harvest field; if you do not pray, some darkened soul in China or Africa may not receive the gospel of Jesus Christ; if you do not pray, father, or sister, or loved friend may not be convicted of sin; if you do not pray, some door that God would have opened may remain closed forever; if you do not pray, some barrier may stand till Jesus comes that God might have hurled down if you had prayed. If you do not pray, only

eternity will reveal what God has lost, what you have lost, and what the universe has lost because of your failure in asking.

"Child of God, to-day there are obstacles in your life which seem to doom you to utter failure of God's highest purpose for you. You have planned, worried, toiled, and failed. Despair is beginning to settle down upon you, and hope is fading away from your life, for all your doing has been thwarted. Try now the *asking* which brings *his doings*. Begin to live the prayer life. Ask, ask, ask, and then out of all the failure of your doing look unto Him who says, 'If ye ask, I will do.' Pray—and He will soften hearts which all your doing could never touch; pray—and He will heal that cruel estrangement which is slowly crushing you; pray—and He will meet your needs, both temporal and spiritual; pray—and He will overturn and overturn, until darkness changes to light, bondage to liberty, bridgeless chasms to safe highways, granite walls to webs of gossamer, because a miracle working God has fulfilled his promise.

"If ye ask, I will do."

And brethren, it is through prayer that success is attained in the book and periodical work. Without much time spent in prayer our canvassers' labor would be in vain. Let us not forget to pray early and often for "the effectual fervent prayers of a righteous man availeth much."

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,

R. HOOK, JR., Gen'l Mgr.

Kentucky Conference

NOTES

ELD. S. E. WIGHT spent Sabbath, February 17, with the church in Louisville. A good congregation was present at 10:45 to hear him. The hearts of the people were stirred as he presented the need of a Christ-like character. All seemed to enjoy having Elder Wight with us, and gave him a hearty welcome to this field.

Brother Beck spent a few days at the Conference office the past week, doing some writing and making preparations for the coming institute. He left there to spend the Sabbath in Henry County where there is a brother who has taken his stand for the truth by reading, and now desires to sell the printed page.

Brethren Ray and Millar made a pleasant call at the office recently. They were on their way to canvass Anderson County, and will make their headquarters at Lawrenceburg. We were glad to talk with these workers, and to see their courage and zeal.

Miss Verna Pound reports good success for her first week's work with "Bible Footlights." She is at present located at Lexington.

Bro. Curtis Pound was delivering the last of the week, and expects to join the canvassers at Lawrenceburg this week.

Word received from Bro. W. P. Ethington brings the good news that he will attend the institute and go out in the field again. We will be glad to see Brother Ethington on the firing line. God has blessed him in the past with good success in selling the printed page.

Remember the Missionary Institute at Grove, Ky., March 15-25. If you are impressed by the Spirit of God to attend, don't delay, but write at once.

The writer spent a few days at the conference office last week. At this writing we are at Leitchfield. We were glad to meet Brother and Sister Sutton here, and to see their zeal for the work of God. Brother Sutton has been an Adventist

for fifty-two years, and he says he still believes the Lord will come in this generation. It does my soul good to hear such testimonies from those who have been long connected with this movement.

B. W. BROWN.

DEAR CO-LABORERS:—

I AM writing to you in regard to the work and workers in our field. I think we will soon have quite a number of canvassers at work. Some will not go out until after the institute in March. Miss Verna Pound, who has worked one week in Lexington with "Bible Footlights," reports \$23.50 worth of orders. She writes: "Well, my first week's canvassing has ended, and I have had many interesting experiences. I started out by myself Monday morning, and certainly felt my inability; but God blessed me in the work and enabled me to send in this report. All who ordered the books seemed impressed with them, and I believe they will read them. Pray for my future success."

What this young lady has done others can do. I was out this last week delivering with her brother. He has done well since he began, January 1st. I believe there are better times awaiting old Kentucky in the future, and I need your prayers that I may be able to manage this work in a way that will be pleasing to Him.

Let us pray that the Lord will send forth more laborers into the vineyard, for the harvest is ripe; and if, through the ministry of our publications, we are to warn the people that the end of all things is at hand, should not all who are not engaged in some other branch of the work make preparation to go out and place these books in the hands of the people that they may have the warning. He promises good success. Read Josh. 1: 1-9.

Our institute will be at the Grove church in Casey County, March 15-25, 1912.

H. E. BECK, *Field Agent.*

Mississippi Conference

COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE

THIS will be the last time I will have an opportunity to speak to you in the WORKER in regard to our annual colporteurs' institute which is so soon to be held.

As already announced it will be held at Ridgeland, Miss., ten miles north of Jackson, and will begin March 5 at 9 A. M. We very much desire to see each one present on time at the opening service.

The Methodists have kindly offered us their church in which to hold our classes. We appreciate this very much.

We very much desire that this institute shall be the very best that has ever been held in this State, and we invite all those to attend who can answer the following questions in the affirmative.

Do you practise the truth daily?

Have you a real burden for souls, rather than for money?

Are you willing to be taught methods and principles which make for the best success of the work?

Are you willing to enlist in this work for at least six months?

There ought to be at least twenty-five persons in this conference who will attend this institute and get a preparation for the work. May the Spirit of God impel you to come.

H. G. MILLER.

932 Union St., Jackson, Miss.

Know what thou canst work at, and work at it like Hercules.—*Carlyle.*

Tennessee River Conference

THE DOINGS OF THE TENNESSEE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Tennessee River Conference held in Nashville, February 18, some important and far-reaching actions were taken.

One of the most important decisions was to hold two camp-meetings this year instead of only one as in past years. The first of these meetings, and presumably the larger one, will probably be held at a point adjacent to the new Gallatin interurban electric line, about five miles from Nashville.

In the past there has been a convention of self-supporting workers held at the Nashville agricultural Normal College, near Madison, at the close of their summer school, which is about the time of the holding of our annual camp-meeting. There seemed to be no way of avoiding this, as the close of the summer school, fixed the date of the convention in the latter part of August. It occurred to the writer that the camp-meeting and the convention might well be combined, making the latter a feature of the former, and greatly strengthening both. This was proposed to Professor Southerland, and was later accepted by the management of the school.

The date of this joint meeting will be August 22 to September 1. In addition to the workers connected with the allied interests represented in the meeting, other good help is assured.

The second camp-meeting will be held September 13-22, at some point within easy reach of Memphis. Oakland, on line of the N. C. & St. L. Railroad, about thirty miles from Memphis has been suggested. Oakland is virgin soil upon which to sow the seeds of truth through the agency of public meetings.

The chief object in having two camp-meetings instead of one, as formerly, is to bring their advantages, benefits, and spiritual blessings within reach of more of our people. In the past only 25 per cent of our people in this conference have attended the camp-meeting. It is believed that by holding two meetings instead of one that from 50 per cent to 60 per cent of our people can be brought under the influence of these important annual gatherings.

The business of the conference, such as the election of officers, the rendering of reports, auditing of accounts, etc., will be transacted at a delegate meeting to be held some time in the month of December at a point as nearly central as possible. Such a meeting might be held at Springville, or, if thought best to combine it with a public effort, Camden might be selected if suitable arrangements can be made. The exact location of this meeting, however, will be determined after careful examination of the whole question and consultation with as many of our brethren as possible. Such a meeting would not need to continue more than five days, including Sabbath.

The writer felt some hesitancy about divorcing the business of the conference from the camp-meeting, for the reason that the plan had not been laid before the people assembled in a general meeting. But inasmuch as the plan is strongly recommended in the Testimonies, especially in volume 6, there seemed to be little room for opposition except on the ground of expediency. And when the Testimonies have settled the principle, it is questionable how far expediency ought to be urged.

Another important vote taken by the committee was one requesting Elder Washburn to make Jackson his field of labor. This does not necessarily mean that Elder Washburn will be expected to move at once to Jackson, but it does mean that we are planning to hold a stirring tent effort in that city at as

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early a date as possible. There ought to be a strong church there, and we believe that there can and will be such a church raised up. Let us all believe and labor to that end.

We shall have something of interest to say next week concerning plans for the Hazel school. The prospects for the institution were never better than now.

The institute at Springville opens March 4, and a profitable time is confidently expected. We earnestly request the prayers of all our brethren and sisters in behalf of every branch of the work, not only in our local field, but throughout the world.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

THE COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE

I AM thinking of the colporteurs' institute to be held at Springville, Tenn., March 4-14. Are you?

I am praying for its success. Are you?

I am planning to attend. Are you?

I am doing all I can to get others to attend. Are you?

I am expecting this institute to be the most important thing in the conference at that time. Are you?

I am doing all I can to make it so. Are you?

Are you a Christian? If not, why not?

Are you wide awake? If not, why not?

Are you a worker? If not, why not?

Are you a colporteur? If not, why not?

Are you, dear brethren and sisters, realizing that "the end of all things is at hand"?

Are you realizing the fact that now is the time to work?

Are you coming to the institute?

How to Reach the Institute

The institute will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church a mile and a half east of the station, near the railroad.

Springville is a little village in Henry County on the L. & N. R. R. Two trains stop there daily: one from Memphis at 5:35 P. M., and one from Bowling Green at 10:48 A. M. Some one will meet the trains Sunday and Monday, March 3 and 4.

When writing address T. F. Dortch, Springville. I expect to be there a day or two before the institute opens.

C. F. DART.

NOTICE TO OUR COLORED PEOPLE

A COLPORTEURS' institute for the colored people will be held at Memphis, Tenn., Apr. 4-14, 1912. Begin now to lay your plans to attend. All who will put in faithful time for at least twelve weeks will have their railway fare refunded,

This means only those who devote their entire time to the work for twelve weeks or more.

For further particulars write me at 511 Cole Building, Nashville, Tenn. C. F. DART, Field Missionary Agent.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

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KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
Verna Pound	BF	32	14	\$18 50	\$ 5 00	\$23 50	\$
D C Ray	BF	53	1	1 00		1 00	\$64 25
C R Millar	BF	3	3	3 50		3 50	87 00
Curtis Pound	BF	32	4	4 50	3 50	8 00	38 00
H E Beck	BF						24 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
W H Haddon	BF	11	2	3 00	1 25	4 25	3 25
J S Fry	BF	27	6	6 00	2 50	8 50	8 50
H G Miller	BR	35					66 50
Mrs L A Fry	CK	16	2	4 00	75	4 75	75
H C Balsbaugh	CC	32	18	16 75		16 75	30 25
E P Campbell	PG	25	1	3 00	1 50	4 50	
Ella Johnson	BF	15	1	1 50		1 50	9 00
Louise Jackson	BF	6	1	1 00	50	1 50	
M A Murphy	BF	20	10	13 00	1 00	14 00	14 50
John Hampton	BF	47	3	3 00	2 00	5 00	26 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
A C Williman	GC	30	8	26 00	75	26 75	75
C E Morphew	BF	35	17	18 00	3 25	21 25	9 25
J B Allen	PFF	38	14	21 00		21 00	
Mamie Moore	D&R	32	16	19 00	1 75	20 75	3 75
Edna B Maddix	BF	17	18	20 00		20 00	
R H Hazelton	BF	40	11	11 00	4 70	15 70	4 70
G J Dawson	BF	11	15	15 00		15 00	
Melissa E Tillman	BF	7	7	8 00	2 50	10 50	2 50
J S Moores	ofp sofd	30			4 25	4 25	4 25

SUMMARY							
Alabama Conf	No report						
Kentucky Conf	...	117	22	27 50	8 50	36 00	213 75
Louisiana Conf	No report						
Mississippi Conf	..	234	44	51 25	9 50	60 75	158 75
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Totals	591	172	\$216 75	\$35 20	\$251 95	\$397 60

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

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KENTUCKY CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
Milton Jones	128	\$12 80	
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE			
W J Keele	161	16 10	
Mrs May Keele	89	8 90	
J A Fry	28	2 80	
Lee McAlexander	16	1 60	

SUMMARY			
Kentucky Conference	128	12 80
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A NEGLECTED Bible means a starved and strengthless spirit, a comfortless heart, a barren life, and a grieved Holy Spirit.
—F. B. Meyer.