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"JESUS still lead on
Till our rest be won!
Heavenly Leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us.
Till we safely stand
In our Fatherland."



ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK FOR THE COLORED, IN THE SOUTH- ERN UNION CONFERENCE

At the recent session of the General Conference, held in Washington, D. C., the constitution of said conference was so amended as to provide for a new department to be known as The North American Negro Department. In providing for the organization of the department thus created, the following was adopted:—

"Resolved, That in carrying out the constitution, providing that a North American Negro Department of the General Conference be created, the following be a working basis:—

"(a) That the work for the colored people in the Southern, Southeastern, and Southwestern Union Conferences be organized on a mission basis in each union.

"(b) That as the work for the colored people develops, local missions may be organized in these union missions.

"(c) That a strong effort be made to quickly place the truths of the message before the colored people of the South in the most effective ways, especially by the use of suitable literature, evangelistic work, and mission schools."

June 15 - 21 a meeting of the Southern Union Conference Committee was held in Nashville, Tenn., at which time the following actions were taken, in harmony with the suggestions of the General Conference:—

"Whereas, The General Conference has recommended that the work for the colored people in the Southern Union Conference be organized on a mission basis; and

"Whereas, It is desirable for several reasons, to preserve the name of, and facilities afforded by, the Southern Missionary Society; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we ask the Southern Missionary Society incorporated in Mississippi and Tennessee to continue its work within the bounds of this Union Conference and to take over all work and workers for the colored people heretofore maintained by the several local conferences and by the Union Conference, excepting the school at Oakwood; and further be it

2. *Resolved*, That in order to more perfectly unify the work and to more effectually strengthen it, we propose as a necessary condition for the carrying out of this plan, that the Board of the Southern Missionary Society of Mississippi, and the members of the Union Conference Committee, and the members of the General Conference Negro Department resident in the Southern Union Conference, be and hereby are, merged into an operating Union Mission Board, to operate under the name of Southern Missionary Society; said committee to have full control of the said proposed work for the colored people as outlined above, with full power to select agents and employees who shall carry on said work; and be it further

3. *Resolved*, That for and in consideration of the influence, good will, and co-operation given by the said Union Conference, all funds of the said Southern Missionary Society shall be subject to the order of the said Mission Board; and

4. *Resolved*, That in harmony with the plan already adopted for the transfer of the property of the Southern Missionary Society of Mississippi to the Southern Missionary Society of Tennessee, all moneys except trust funds coming to the Southern Missionary Society, be received by the Southern Missionary Society incorporated in Tennessee, to be by said Tennessee corporation paid over to said Mississippi corporation to apply on the purchase price of the property heretofore held by the Southern Missionary Society of Mississippi according to the terms of an agreement heretofore entered into between the two said corporations; said money to be then available for carrying on mission work among the colored people as set forth above; said disposition of funds to continue until full payment shall have been made to the Southern Missionary Society

of Mississippi for all its assets, at which time the whole arrangement shall be subject to further action by said Mission Board; and

5. *Resolved*, That we recommend that each of our local conferences transfer to the Southern Missionary Society, as above constituted, all colored churches and organized companies and also the management of all work for the colored people, together with all title and other funds derived from colored churches or believers; said funds to be disposed of by the said Southern Missionary Society Treasurer in accordance with the plans usually followed by the denomination; and

6. *Resolved*, That all workers for the colored people in the various conferences and local organizations of the Mission be supported from the Southern Missionary Society treasury; and

7. *Resolved*, That all church property and other real estate now owned or that shall be hereafter acquired by this organization, be held in the name of the Southern Missionary Society incorporated in Tennessee.

Moved, by W. S. Lowry, seconded by J. E. White, That the Chair appoint a committee of five on schedule and nominations of officers.

The Chair appointed Haysmer, Wilcox, Lowry, Maxwell, and Blake, to serve as a committee on schedule and nominations.

Committee on Schedule and Nominations

The committee on schedule and nominations presented the following, by E. L. Maxwell, Secretary of the committee:

"We, your committee on schedule and nominations, respectfully submit the following:

(a) Schedule of officers for the Southern Union Mission: Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Secretary, Educational Secretary.

(b) *We recommend* that the Superintendent and four other members of the Mission Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(c) All these to be filled by election for the remainder of the Union Conference biennial term and thereafter at each biennial session of the Union Conference.

(d) *We recommend* that the Superintendent

of the mission be the Chairman of the Mission Board.

(e) We respectfully submit the following nominations:

For members of the General Conference Negro Department Committee,

On behalf of the Union Conference, A. J. Haysmer; on behalf of the Union Mission, Thomas Murphy, W. H. Sebastian.

(f) For officers of the Mission: Superintendent, C. F. McVagh; Secretary, P. E. Palmer; Treasurer, C. P. Bollman; Field Secretary, A. J. Haysmer; Educational Secretary, F. R. Rogers.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Moved, by E. L. Maxwell, That the organization and operation of the Mission be and become effective on and after July 1, 1909. Seconded and carried.

MISSISSIPPI

REMEMBER the date of our camp-meeting and conference is July 29 to Aug. 8. Are you planning to attend? If you are not you do not know what you are planning to lose.

Holding conference at the time of camp-meeting will be a new feature, and we want to see all of our white Sabbath-keepers present and take part in the deliberations. The place is Meridian. I suppose there will be a camp-meeting held for the colored people some time this year as they are now organized into a mission to themselves as you will soon see in REPORT OF PROGRESS. W. S. LOWRY.

ALL DAYS GOOD DAYS

THERE are many people who would be glad if all days would be good days. How vivid becomes the imagination of the selfish man at such a thought. His mind bounds rapidly from good wages or profits, to all the comforts our over "civilized" civilization affords.

But all days *are* good days to the child of God. For, said Jesus, "Lo, I am with you all the days, even unto the end." Matt. 28:20 (R. V., margin). But, some one may say, even Christians have hardships, and suffer disappointments, and even want at times. True, but that does not disprove our statement. "Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this." Eccl. 7:10. If that is an unwise inquiry then it must be the former days are no better than these. But some of us do grow very unwise in the day we call "adversity." But why faint in the day of adversity? Listen to the words of God: "In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other." Eccl. 7:14. He alone knows how to balance up our experiences. The beautiful rose needs the rain as well as the sunshine. The clock would not give forth the time if its pendulum did not swing two ways. The waters of the mighty deep ebb as well as flow.

Then let us "consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath

made crooked?" Verse 13. Why does he make some things crooked?—Why, to fit such crooked people, to be sure. But he also says, "The crooked shall be made straight." The brace or trial we are required sometimes to wear, will one day straighten out, and straighten our deformities too, thank the Lord.

"It is good that thou shouldst take hold of this; yea, also from this withhold not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all." Verse 18. C. F. PARMELE.

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTIONS IN KENTUCKY

WE will hold Sabbath-school conventions as follows:—

Bowling Green, Sabbath and Sun., July 10, 11.
Sand Hill, Sabbath and Sunday, July 17, 18.

At each place we desire to hold the sessions from 9:30 A. M. to 12 o'clock, and from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. There will be meetings the evening before the convention. Subjects will be assigned to individuals, and these persons will be ready to write and read papers.

The secretary will correspond with individuals regarding the part they will be asked to take in the work.

A. O. BURRILL, *Pres.*,
D. H. CALLENDER, *Sec.*

EXPERIENCES OF MISSISSIPPI CANVASSERS

BROTHER MADDOCK who is working for "Daniel and the Revelation" says: "I have often thought of the trials that some of the apostles and reformers had; and our petty little grievances are not to be compared with them; yet we know that the persecution of God's people is not over. I want to learn to trust the Lord each day for to-day, and he certainly is blessing me wonderfully. I am more thankful as the days go by to know that I have a part in this work, humble though it may be. I feel that the Lord does not excuse those who have but one talent."

Brother Fry after a successful delivery of "Daniel and the Revelation" writes: "We had a good time visiting the people. There was much interest in the book. Everybody was on tiptoe. Some said I was a false prophet and my book was a bad book, yet they said that they would read it and find out for themselves.

"One Baptist preacher had written me that he would not take his book. When I met him he again became interested in the book and said he would read it. I only lost three orders and delivered seventy-one dollars worth."

A testimony from Louise B. Jackson: "Now about the books I am trying to get into the homes of the people: When I show them 'Steps to Christ' and 'Bible Footlights,' and tell them of the signs of Christ's coming, and the steps to take in order to be ready to meet him, it fills my heart with joy to know that this is the Lord's work.

"I was called to do something for my neighbor who was sick and had sent for the doctor. I gave her some treatments described in *Life and Health*, and when the doctor came she was better. I will get her order for this journal so she can learn how to care for her health.

"Pray for me that I may let the Lord use me in his work."

Mary Mundy: "I came to West Point to canvass for 'Bible Footlights.' The Lord is giving me success in the work. I have had several opportunities of speaking of the third angel's message, and of the principles of healthful living. I am glad the Lord will accept my poor weak service, and add his blessing."

Mrs. Ben Morgan: "I am a mother with three children to care for besides all the other home duties, and have very little time to canvass; but I am glad that I can find a few hours to work among my neighbors and friends in my home town with some one of our good books. I am at present working with 'Bible Footlights,' and, considering my inexperience as a canvasser, I have taken a good number of orders. Surely the Lord is helping me. I am thankful that I can have at least a small part in giving this last message to the world; and when our work here is ended I hope to hear the dear Lord say to me, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

This sister has delivered over fifty dollars worth of books. H. G. MILLER.

CAMP-MEETING IN MISSISSIPPI

THE time for our camp-meeting is drawing near and I trust you are all planning to come.

We will have a book-tent as last year and perhaps a greater variety of books.

Last year there were calls for books which we did not have, and we felt badly because of this lack. In order that it may not be so this year I make the request that if you wish any particular book, such as a concordance; Smith's Bible Dictionary; Revised Version of the Bible; "Practical Lessons from the Experiences of Israel"; etc.; or if you wish any tracts on special subjects, please let me know immediately, and I will be glad to order them with the other books.

Plan now to come with a few extra dollars so that you can take a few good books home with you, and a good collection of tracts.

By purchasing these at camp-meeting you can at least save the postage on them, and perhaps more.

Come to the camp-meeting praying for God's presence: come anxious to receive of his choice blessings, and anxious to bestow them upon others. One of the best and most practical ways of doing the latter is to take home with you books and tracts to loan, sell, or give to your neighbors. H. G. MILLER.

State Agt. of Miss. Conf.
R. F. D. 2, Jackson, Miss.

"GIVING not only creates, but increases love."

NASHVILLE

SABBATH, June 19, was a good day for the congregation meeting in the Nashville Memorial church.

AN unusually large number met for Sabbath-school in the Sabbath-school rooms. Officers were elected for the six-months term beginning July 1. Brother M. F. Knox, who has well served the school for two terms, was re-elected superintendent, and Brother James Caldwell was elected assistant. The Sabbath-school lesson on "The Woman of Samaria," was reviewed by Brother L. M. Spear, foreman of the publishing house bindery. A greater interest than ever before in this school is noted in the reviews and class exercises. Brother Spear is soon to connect with the publishing house in Warburton, Victoria, Australia, where he will also be a help in the Sabbath-school work.

Several State conference presidents of the Southern Union were present, and the superintendent asked them to take classes for the day, thus adding interest to the recitation period.

During the services which followed, the choir very beautifully sang the Lord's Prayer as a part of the opening exercises. Elder Lowry announced and read the opening hymn, and Elder Maxwell offered an earnest prayer, followed by a short sermon on baptism by Elder Burrow. After this came a public examination by Elder McVagh of seven applicants for church membership. Five of these were then baptized by him, two having previously been baptized. All were voted into the church, and one was received by letter, making eight additions for the day. Various influences were pointed out as the means of leading these persons to take this step. Some were brought to the truth by a Bible worker, one by personal work, some by the tent effort in West Nashville last autumn, one by the influence of his wife and deceased mother, one had been studying the truth for years, and one formerly belonged to a church which was one of the first organized in the South, but had ceased to exist through deaths and removals.

May the Father's rich blessing be with them all, and also upon the church which thus takes on added responsibilities. H. E. SIMKIN.

ALABAMA SUNDAY LAWS

FOR our mutual instruction, and especially for the benefit and encouragement of our brethren and sisters here in Alabama, we have collected these few facts from our State laws in regard to Sunday labor. People try to tell us that if we labor on Sunday we violate our civil laws, and put ourselves subject to persecution. This is not true. Our State laws do not prohibit one from quietly working on Sunday.

In the constitution of Alabama, section 35, we read: "That the sole object of and only legitimate end of government is to protect the citizen in the enjoyment of life, liberty, and property, and when the government assumes

other functions it is usurpation and oppression."

Section 3 says: "That no religion shall be established by law; that no preference shall be given by law to any religious sect, society, denomination, or mode of worship; that no one shall be compelled by law to attend any place of worship; nor to pay any tithes, or taxes, or other rate for building or repairing any place of worship, or for maintaining any minister or ministry; that no religious test shall be required as a qualification to any office, or public trust under this State; and that the civil rights, privileges, and capacities of any citizen shall not be in any manner affected by his religious principles."

These principles agree with the words of Jesus: "Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Matt. 22:21. We owe civil duties to the civil power; and that is all our State law calls for. Let us all freely render them to the State.

The Code of Alabama, section 7814, speaks very plainly in regard to Sunday labor. "Any person who compels his child, apprentice, or servant to perform any labor on Sunday, except the customary domestic duties of daily necessity or comfort, or works of charity; or who engages in shooting, hunting, gaming, card-playing, domino playing, or racing on that day; or who, being a merchant or shopkeeper, druggist excepted, keeps open store on that day, must, for the first offense, be fined not less than ten nor more than twenty dollars, . . . but the provisions of this section do not apply to the running of railroads, stages, or steamboats or other vessels navigating the waters of this State, or any manufacturing establishment which requires to be kept in constant operation."

This does not prevent a man from working on Sunday, nor to let his children or apprentice work; but it does prevent him from compelling them to work that day. It prevents a man from keeping a store or public place of trading open that day. It also prevents all public sports on Sundays.

A. E. CHRISTIAN.

Hartselle, Ala.

WHAT IS CHARACTER

THE mental and moral powers which God has given do not constitute character. They are talents which we are to improve, and which, if properly improved, will form a right character.

God has given us our faculties to cultivate and develop. Our own course determines our characters. In training these powers so that they shall harmonize and form a valuable character, we have a work which no one but ourselves can do.—Mrs. E. G. White.

THE various departments of the General Conference—Sabbath-school, Young People's, and others—are progressing with ever-increasing interest.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending June 11, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
R V Cory.....	D&R	24	\$47 25	\$
C M Cockran.....	D&R	22	45 25	
Geo W Brown (col).....	BFL		2 00	
Carl Matthews.....	BFL	19	4 00	1 00
T H Dobb.....	—	40		8 10
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
M Wheeler.....	D&R	22		56 00
Charley Allran.....	BFL	37	21 00	24 00
H E Beck.....	D&R	35	30 00	2 50
Lyndon Taylor.....	BFL	57	40 95	95
M J Weber.....	BFL	58	59 50	50
Mrs Alice Reynolds.....	BFL	41	6 00	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
E Booth 3 wks.....	CK	100	89 10	23 95
R E Tate.....	BFL	35	16 50	
C Gordon.....	BFL	11	8 00	6 00
B L Roberts.....	CK	32	16 75	
H C Bagley.....	GC	42	36 15	4 10
C L Collison.....	D&R BR	60	54 90	237 65
Wm Olmsted.....	MOFN	30	9 50	3 00
J N Steel.....	GC	37	4 25	4 25
W H Noyes 2 wks.....	D&R	22	39 25	3 75
Mrs A E Frank.....	H&H	29	34 85	35
A B Cheek.....	D&R	10	16 50	75
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
J S Fry.....	D&R	46	48 50	6 75
A C Maddock.....	D&R	36	13 00	3 25
Virgil Smith.....	D&R	25		22 00
W H Haddon.....	MOFN	27	27 40	3 05
Charles Lowry.....	BR	27	27 00	21 00
Howard Loftin.....	BR	32	38 25	12 38
C R Callicott.....	BR	27	47 50	
LeRoy Case.....	BFL	37	19 00	50
Mary Mundy.....	BFL	35	21 60	1 65
Mrs Ben Morgan.....	BFL	23	2 00	52 20
Celestia Wilson.....	BFL	41	8 10	2 45
SUMMARY				
Alabama Conference....		105	98 50	9 10
Kentucky Conference....		250	157 45	83 95
Louisiana Conference....		408	315 75	283 80
Mississippi Conference...		356	252 35	125 23
Totals		1129	\$824 05	\$502 08

"BELOVED, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health."

JESUS CHRIST is more than a mere leader. To simply take him as a leader, as a grand man, is not Christianity. Christianity is imbued with his life, as actual life and power, as the electric force from the dynamo is actual. To those who receive him he is made "wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."—Signs of the Times.

"FOR he that wrongs his friend, wrongs himself more, and ever bears about a silent court of justice in his breast. Himself the judge and jury, and himself the prisoner at the bar; ever condemned, and that drags down his life; then comes, what comes hereafter."

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"AND I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

GENERAL CONFERENCE ITEMS

ELDER VOTAW from Burma stated that in a Sabbath-school with a membership of thirty their donation for one quarter was thirty-six dollars, and it must be remembered that the wages paid in that country do not compare favorably with those paid in this country. Twenty dollars per month is a high wage in that far-off country, yet see what a liberal donation was given. These people are also faithful in paying their tithe.

IN another school of only five or six adults, in one quarter thirteen dollars was paid in as donations, and in both instances these donations have all been sent to missions, and not a penny retained for supplies for their own school. Surely this is a worthy example and sets a pace that we have not reached in this country of prosperity.

INDIA is fifteen hundred miles in width east and west by nineteen hundred miles north and south. It has a population of three hundred million people, which is one-sixth of the world's population. There are 147 distinct languages, seven of which are used by our workers there.

ONE of our native converts has treatment rooms where a large number are treated every day. As many as 124 have been in for treatment in one day. Having no tables for people to lie on, they take their treatments while lying on the damp ground.

INDIA must have twenty-five families and means to properly build and equip a sanitarium.

BURMA has a population of twelve million people of which eighty-five per cent. cannot read and the per cent. is still higher among the women.

OUR young brethren who are obliged to do military service in Sweden are treated most kindly. A letter from the conference, certifying that they are members of our church, releases them from Sabbath service and they are permitted to attend church.

THE aristocracy of Sweden is too proud to appear in ordinary halls and churches, but they buy and read our books.

JAPAN has an area of one hundred fifty thousand square miles of which but twelve per cent. is tillable land and yet supports forty-eight millions of people. These people are sympathetic and have a tender regard for their children. They are a very cleanly people, consequently sanitary conditions are very good, quite in contrast to those of China.