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

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COMBINING OF THE LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCES

On December 8, a joint conference session of the Louisiana and Mississippi Conferences met in Jackson, Miss. The special matter under consideration was to consider a recommendation that had been made to the constituencies of these two conferences at a joint meeting of the two conference committees held in November. The action these committees took was as follows:

"Voted that: We the conference committees of the Louisiana and Mississippi Conferences in joint session assembled, do hereby recommend to our constituencies for their favorable consideration, the proposal to unite these two conferences into one, and as a basis for their consideration, we call their attention to the financial and administrative advantages of such a union."

There were forty-two delegates present. Elder E. E. Andross, Vice-president of the General Conference, was with us in this session and rendered great assistance in setting before the delegates the principles upon which the General Conference appropriates money for the carrying on of work in various fields, and in otherwise dealing with the problems of Conference administration.

Inasmuch as the Mississippi Conference has a membership of but 423 and the Louisiana Con-

ference 621, making a combined membership of 1,044, it was readily seen that the work in these two fields could be united under one conference administration, thus saving a considerable amount to the cause and at the same time by having a fully manned conference, do really more efficient work than to have two administrations both crippled for the want of proper departmental workers. Both these fields have long been dependent upon the General Conference for appropriations to assist in carrying on the work. As the General Conference favors the policy of uniting smaller conferences, thus avoiding the duplication of administrative officials, it seemed consistent for these two conferences to unite and thus do our part toward conserving the Lord's funds.

After a full and free discussion in which all had ample opportunity to state their full convictions, it was voted to unite these two fields into one conference, this union to take effect January 1, 1921. The following corps of officers was elected:

W. R. Elliott, President.

N. L. Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer.

H. W. Klaser, Assn't. Secretary and Treasurer.

F. W. Schmehl, Field Secretary.

F. Ray Kinney, Assn't. Field Secretary.

Miss Ellen Knudson, Y.P.M.V., Educational, and Sabbath School Secretary.

E. E. Montgomery, Home Missionary and Medical Secretary.

W. P. McLennan, Religious Liberty Secretary.

Elder Elliott enters upon his work as president of this Conference with a long and successful experience as a conference president. With the earnest support and co-operation that we know he will receive from his fellow-workers, the Conference will have good leadership.

The delegates by a large majority decided that the new conference should be known as the Louisiana-Mississippi Conference. It was also decided that until the next regular conference session, the conference headquarters should be in Jackson, Miss. This latter action was taken because of the large and well equipped conference offices at Jackson and also because of Jackson being practically the geographical center of the new field and the ample and convenient railway facilities extending into all parts of both Louisiana and Mississippi.

We confidently believe that as the brethren and sisters become adjusted to this change that they will see great light in this arrangement. We are living in a time when we must do everything possible to conserve the

sacred funds that are placed in our hands and to bring greater efficiency into every department of the work. The Louisiana-Mississippi Conference will have a constituency that will give strength and solidity to the new conference organization.

We earnestly pray that God will greatly bless the officers and workers and members of this new Conference and that it will become one of the strongest factors in the Southern Union in building up the cause of God. We ask the hearty and unselfish co-operation of every loyal believer in helping to make this true.

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Memphis and Paducah

It was my privilege to spend Sabbath, December 4, with our churches in Memphis. It was a real inspiration to me to be with these live churches and see the progress being made in their different activities, especially in the Harvest Ingathering work. Church No. 1 had \$625.00 toward their goal of \$1500.00. After the morning service a Gideon band was organized to go down into the business section with the boxes. This band was comprised of the best workers in the church. In two hours time eight sisters gathered in over \$77.00. One girl fourteen years old headed the list with \$22.69. It is real inspiring to see our young people take such an active part in this work. In two hours time this company of eight raised more than the whole church in any week since the campaign began. We believe with the able leadership of Elder

Russell that Memphis No. 1 will come out on top.

Sabbath, December 11th., I was at Paducah. We have a live church here with Brother A. A. Davis as pastor. A Gideon band was organized here also. In two hours eight sisters received \$79.33 with the boxes. Sister Maddox, our church school teacher, headed the list with \$22.13. Four out of the eight received over \$70.00, while the other four received \$9.00. Sunday, December 12, was a field day for this church. A number went out. However, we do not have complete returns from all as yet. Sister Burch, a new member, received \$125.00 in one week. Paducah now has \$325.00 toward their goal of \$400.00.

May the Lord help us to work faithfully, thus hastening His work on to a glorious finish.

L. E. CHRISTMAN.

H. I. Work in Jackson

We organized our work for the Harvest Ingathering early in September. Sister Lena Meadows was elected leader. She was asked to district the city territory so that all who wished could work with no embarrassment.

She felt that she could not fill the place; therefore Sister Ethel Holland and Sister Johnson sought God for courage to begin. They kept at it until Sister Holland gathered in \$50.00 and Sister Johnson over \$25.00.

We felt Sister Holland deserved the honor of leader. We elected her leader. She gave each their territory. The thermometer has been gradually rising until it has bursted out at the top. Instead of the mercury running down as you would naturally suppose, it is still going up.

Those who have reached their goal are:

Sister Holland	\$50.00
Sister Johnson	25.00
Sister Keele	30.00
Sister Jolly	13.00
Sister Cox	12.55
W. J. Keele	46.50

Brother Fry, Sister Meadows, Sister Howell, and Nellie Jolly I am sure will reach their goal.

All that has been reported to date makes \$203.50. We have 19 members, three of these can do nothing. We are glad to do for them what I am sure they would gladly do if they were able. My work has been done on Sunday mornings. I would not have missed some of the experiences I have had for a prize. I tell most all who I am. The county judge gave me \$1.00 after making plain to him the object. I visited with him nearly an hour. He seemed anxious for me to stay longer. He went with me to the front of his porch, there we had another short visit.

Two men wrote out checks for me. I called one man out of his bed, not knowing it, and he gave me a check for \$1.00.

Take courage brethren and sisters you will soon see the souls gathered from all nations as the result of our faithful part here in the homeland.

W. J. KEELE.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

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When this reaches you, the Week of Prayer and the Annual Offering will be in the past. But the Thirteenth Sabbath which happens to fall on Christmas, will be here with another opportunity for us to show our love for Him who gave His life for us. Millions of earth's in-