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Now Today

Give me the ability to comprehend the importance of NOW, TODAY. Paul says: "Now is the accepted time; Today is the day of salvation." That these, it is difficult to find more significant words. They are written in the eternal word of God as an imperative admonition and safeguard against trifling with what makes for our salvation. They are written indelibly on the broad page in the book of Nature. When the hand of the clock of Providence points to the hour, immediate action is of paramount importance. If the Now passes unimproved, Omnipotence may be made powerless, and destiny may be irreversibly fixed.

Now, what power there is in the word to enslave or liberate! The Past has her ties upon us, but we are not wholly subject to her will. We are not entirely her bondservants. Through the grace of God a power may come into our lives "where by He is able to subdue all things unto Himself," and her chains are broken. But the present, the time in which we live, how mighty its power! It holds potentially and in prospect, the entire possibilities of a life-time. What we begin now may be prosued a life-time. What we omit now may never be begun, leaving life only barren and waste. The present is the hour of decision, of choice. It may correct the past, preserve itself, and shape the future; for the future is neither wholly dark nor wholly uncontrollable. While to us as individuals it has never been explored, Revelations light from these stern words. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." falls full upon it. Now, Today

I hold in my hands my whole future. I make it bless me or curse me. The unchangable fiat is, As I sow so shall I also reap. Time is my servant. To my bidding she is obedient. What wonder, then, that to many the christian life seems joyless and devoid of its intended charm and sweetness. Mere profession, mere wishing, cannot change one's reaping. Only one thing will change life's long harvest, namely life's sowing. If to-day there has come to some life the bitterness of defeat and discouragement, in all its blighting power, remember in that life one once "sowed to the wind," and this bitterness is the "whirlwind" harvest. It was all chosen. It needed not to have been.

We mistake if we think this, or any part of it, is only theory. Let us come to another important truth, the reasonable of which must be apparent to all. It is a well known fact that in the regular discharge of its functions, the body wears itself out, cells become old, die, and are then replaced by new ones. These new cells, which fill the places made vacant by the worn-out ones, inherit from them a predisposition to do what the old cells were doing. To be convinced of the truth of this, we have only to look at ourselves. All have habits. We are said to be creatures of habit. But how are our habits formed? Something is done once, then again, and still repeated, and before we are aware, these little cells upon which all action depends, are doing this something with out our aid, and quite likely, without our even being conscious of it. Only fourteen times, we are told, need a thing be done until it is done involuntarily. Then somehow these little units of our bodies have taken it upon themselves to govern themselves, and we all know through the tyranny of some bad habit how hard they are to conquer.

Thus each is in himself a living demonstration of the great, inexorable truth: "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Let us each rise to the station which God has appointed us, namely to "have dominion" in the realm of our souls. Let us not be creatures of circumstance, slaves of wrong habits. Let us claim our "royal" right "to be kings" "with God and reign" using these great truths and possibilities as helps

in life's battle. Let us begin anew, Now, To day.

H. S. MILLER.

News Notes from General Conference

The day before Conference opened many hundreds of people and several carloads of baggage arrived upon the ground. Although every effort was made to transport the baggage the two miles from Takoma Park Station to the General Conference ground, yet many of our people were without their bedding the first night. However, all were provided for, and no one suffered.

The delegates from all parts of the world seem to be enjoying the different meetings very much, and each part of the great field is well represented.

Promptly at ten o'clock, May 13, the Conference was called to order. The usual opening service was conducted. Our brethren who get the Bulletin are getting good reports of the Conference from day to day. It is very interesting to listen to men who have been in the forefront in foreign fields, as they relate their experience.

The General Conference departments are well organized, and each day one hour is given to departmental work. Some very interesting things are being discussed in these different departments, and it is hoped that the experience of individuals who have been in the field at work will be helpful to the cause in general.

The weather thus far at the camp has been delightful, with the exception of considerable heat during the day. The nights have been very cool.

This Conference is indeed a world's camp-meeting. From every part of the world representatives are encamped. Truly a great inspiration should be given to everyone here, as the conference adjourns, to do his part in carrying the message, which God has given us for the world at this time.

Educational departmental meetings are held at five o'clock each evening, in the Seminary Hall. More than one hundred representatives of this department have been in attendance at these meetings, and have taken up the work before them with zest and interest. Discussions regarding school matters reveal the fact that the educators of this denomination are wide awake men and women, and consecrated to the service of the Master.

Thus far, Mrs. E. G. White has spoken but twice. The Sabbath morning, service was given to her and she delivered an excellent sermon; and Monday morning at eight o'clock, she favored us with an inspiring message.

Takoma Park is a very beautiful place naturally, and the efforts put forth by the General

Conference brethren and others, have made the grounds very attractive. It is far enough from the noise and bustle of the city to appear to be in the country entirely. Only a few steps from the buildings take one where wild song birds will entertain with their songs.

The papers of the City have shown deep interest in our work and are sending out reporters and photographers to gather items, and to get pictures of different things to illustrate them. One day the whole camp was taken with an exceedingly large camera. The picture was for Harper's Weekly. The reporters thus far have set our people in very favorable light.

Unique plans for serving meals have been adopted in the largest tent, which seats nearly three hundred people. Two lines are formed which pass around the outside of the tent. As one comes to the serving tables he gathers his knife, fork, spoon, napkin and tray, selects his dishes as he passes, after which a person at the end of the table punches his meal ticket. Then he passes to the dining table, places his food, and sends the tray back for others to use. In this way five or six hundred can be served in an hour with a minimum amount of help. The dining service is admirable, and thus far the food has been excellent.

It would seem to an onlooker that no one could attend these services without taking in the inspiration before him. It is hoped that everyone will feel himself duty bound to act his part in the closing work of the Message.

Sabbath-school and Young People's Conventions

During this summer three Sabbath-school and Young People's conventions will be held in our conference, as follows: Bartow, July 17-18; Tampa, July 24-25; Gainesville July 30 to August 1.

May not all our Sabbath-schools and Young People's societies be largely represented at these gatherings. Especially do we hope to see many of the isolated ones in attendance. The conventions have been assigned to different parts of the state to accommodate all. Let us begin at once to plan for them, and may each school do all in its power to make them a success.

The Sabbath-school is no exception to this great work. We have been told that it is one of the most important. Our young people have a great work to do. All organizations employ conventions to accomplish the specified object of their existence.

We hope that every school in the Conference may be represented by a good delegation at some of these conventions. May this be a general rally among our young people. Will each school kindly send as early as possible the names of

Reports of the Canvassing Work in the Southeastern Union Conference for April 1909

Conference,	Agents,	Hours,	Orders.	Value,	Helps,	Total,	Deliveries.
Cumberland	11	1170	373	\$486.00	\$120.45	\$606.45	\$301.16
N. Carolina	13	1549	763	1139.00	134.90	1273.90	318.35
S. Carolina	11	863	558	1360.00	61.00	1421.00	152.95
Georgia	12	1447	392	1096.50	256.80	1353.30	525.25
Florida	10	391	305	400.25	11.30	411.55	8.00
Totals	47	5420	2366	4481.75	584.45	5066.20	1305.96

I am sure the reader of Field Tidings will be glad to note the progress our Union is making in the canvassing work. The above report is by far the largest we have ever had and the prospects are bright even to go beyond these figures before the year closes. In comparing figures it is found that the value of orders for the first four months of 1908 was \$7208.00; deliveries \$3065.00. For the same period of 1909 they were

\$12849.00 and \$4571.00 which is an increase over 1908, of \$5636.00 and \$1506.00 respectively.

Thus it can be seen that an increase of seventy eight percent has been made in the value of orders and forty-nine percent in the value of deliveries.

To our Heavenly Father we desire to give the praise for these blessings.

V. O. Cole.

those who may attend to the undersigned.

MRS. R. G. STRINGER.

Graniteville, S. C.

Our tent effort at this place began May 6, with nearly two hundred present. Our 40x60 tent has been filled each night, besides a fair audience on the outside. The providence of God went before us in preparing for these meetings, and His blessed Spirit is doing its work upon hearts. We labor for fruit for the kingdom of Christ. My wife is blessed in a special way as she mingles with the people in their homes. We ask your prayers.

E. W. CARY.

From Florida

It always causes us to rejoice when we can see fruit as the result of our labor. One of our sisters reports that two souls have accepted the Truth as the result of her canvassing work.

One of our workers writes, "I am glad for the privilege of being a co-worker with Christ." Another says, "Truly the Lord is helping me in every work from day to day."

Truly the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few.

C. V. ACHENBACH.

Field Missionary Agent.

Florida Items

The Ft. Ogden School will open Sept. 6, with Prof. B. D. Gullett in charge. We can begin none too early to make preparations for our children to enter school this fall.

Elder C. B. Stephenson visited Jennings Lake church March 18-24. While there he baptized four new converts, some of whom were students in our church school. Ten young people have joined the church largely because of church school work. Is not this an ob-

ject lesson?

Elder Page Shepard writes encouragingly of the work in Jacksonville. He is gradually gaining access to the people. Four were baptized April 21.

As a result of the meeting recently held by Elder C. B. Stephenson, in Starke, two were baptized.

The efforts of Brother and Sister Webster, in Tampa, are being blessed, and fruits of their labors are seen in some who have accepted the Sabbath. They now have over thirty who are regular readers of the Family Bible Teacher.

There are in attendance at the General Conference, in Washington, from Florida, Elder and Mrs. G. I. Butler, Elder and Dr. R. W. Parmele, Wm. H. Branson and wife, W. K. Achenbach and daughter Miss Elsie, Sister Boggs and daughter, Mrs. Beams, Elder Page Shepard John Manns.

Florida Notice

Nothing preventing, Elder J. W. Manns will visit the following churches and companies on or near the date named: Fernandina, June 11-15; Jacksonville, June 18-21; Orlando, June 28 to July 4; Punta Gorda, July 8-18; Lakeland, July 20-25; Tampa, July 27 to August 2; Palmetto August 5-8; Plant City, August 10-15; Ocala, August 17-22; Windsor, August 24-26. He will begin a tent meeting in the vicinity of East Palatka and Hastings about September 1. I trust there will be a full attendance at all of these meetings as Bro. Manns has been in attendance at our General Conference and will have some good things to tell our brethren about the rapidly advancing message.

R. W. PARMELE.

President Fla. Conference.

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Notice

The following names of the Cumberland canvassing report is for six weeks, ending May 15 J. A. Cladwell, E. D. Haskell, Mrs. F. Fine, Harry Watt, L. J. Esterling.

Jennings Lake, Florida

After the meeting at Morriston, which closed April 28, Elder Stephenson returned home for a few days to take some much needed rest, and I came to this place and started a ten days meeting.

Elder Stephenson joined me again May 5, and the meetings were carried on with increasing interest. Sunday, May 9, I counted fifteen carriages and six saddle horses in the church yard. Many others came on foot.

In the closing meeting last night four adults, heads of families, took their stand for the Truth. Three joined the church and three others expressed their intention of joining soon. Two await baptism.

Elder Stephenson remains a few days to follow up the interest.

W. H. BRANSON.

CANVASSING REPORT

For two Weeks, Ending May 15, 1909.

Southeastern Union Conference.

CUMBERLAND

Name,	Book,	P's.,	Ords.,	Value,	Total,	Del.
J. A. Caldwell	BFL	220	61	63.00	95.18	6.00
Mrs. F. Fine	CK	66	52	39.50	46.80	1.50
W. S. Fulbright	DR	102	13	23.75	43.25	90.56
Walter Kirkham	BFL	18				37.00
E. A. Clark	DR	10	8	15.00	20.85	35.75
G. A. Slade	DR	98	7	13.25	24.90	57.20
E. D. Haskell	GC	321	67	101.50	128.60	158.00
H. B. Thompson	BFL	50	43	43.00	43.50	45.90
Harry Watt	BFL	201	53	57.50	70.25	93.50
Mrs. L. Easterling	BFL	66	18	16.00	17.00	16.25
Ada Woolsey	HH	108	40	54.75	62.25	2.30
J. R. Hams	BR	40	24	66.00	70.55	3.15
S. F. Reeder	BFL	8		6.00	6.00	.70
Mrs. R. A. Judy	BFL	14	5	5.00	5.00	
W. S. Philmon	CK	16	9	10.00	12.00	2.00
R. A. Judy	CK	17	9	9.00	9.00	
A. Wood	DR	33	11	32.25	32.25	
C. G. Manns	BFL	32	36	48.00	48.00	

John S. Green	DR	33	21	72.75	72.75	
Mrs. A. D. Day	BFL	17	5	5.00	7.60	
C. W. Cowdry	DR	22	4	11.00	15.75	4.75
Ralph J. Woolsey	DR	17	5	10.75	10.90	
Total		1299	491	699.00	842.28	506.56

SOUTH CAROLINA

G. B. Case	DR	70	52	158.50	162.50	4.00
W. A. Smith	CK	10	7	7.00	7.00	7.00
C. L. Belue	DR	92	84	255.00	258.00	1.00
Rose Lull	BFL	48	10	5.00	9.20	9.20
J. B. Rise	DR	43	9	15.75	15.75	10.75
H. B. Gallion	BFL	40	5	12.75	12.75	30.00
I. R. Harden	DR	41			.70	41.70
S. H. Swingle	SD&SP	32	29	37.50	43.50	2.50
W. C. Rahn	SD&SP	34	47	58.75	69.75	11.25
W. P. Darnell	BFL	30				39.70
Total		412	198	398.50	424.40	212.10

FLORIDA

L. E. Manous	BFL	6	1	1.00	1.00	11.50
Eugene Russell	DR	18		19.00	19.00	22.00
Marie Yancey	BFL	40	30	43.00	43.00	
M. Hollingsworth	BFL	40	45	66.50	67.25	5.50
Albert Benson	DR	45	41	47.80	48.30	9.75
Mrs. Howell	BFL					35.52
Royal Hubbell	BFL	38	22	24.50	34.25	42.27
Total		169	157	201.80	211.80	127.00

GEORGIA

Mrs. B. M. Senter		13				9.20
Thos. Henderson		45				31.30
C. N. Biuens	DR	35	8	16.00	21.30	
W. P. Andrews	HL	80	17	17.00	33.25	11.50
M. S. Grim	GC	43	3	9.50	53.89	14.80
J. A. Kimmel	GC	52	4	12.00	41.30	13.10
Irving Tait	BR	47	7	10.50	16.60	
Mrs. Manous	DR	7				4.75
Mrs. R. O. Terry	DR	25	7	14.25	16.75	5.50
R. O. Terry	DR	33	2	5.50	7.80	18.00
W. F. Boles	DR	41	47	152.25	153.25	
J. M. Lewis	DR	59	82	320.25	323.90	4.35
S. G. Dent	Misc	30	15	15.50	15.50	15.50
Miss M. Rainwater		8				10.90
Miss L. Rainwater		11				18.80
Albert Cochran	DR	72	20	60.00	68.05	11.55
J. A. Sudduth	DR	25	1	2.75	2.75	12.00
R. M. Carter	HH	29	33	100.00	100.00	4.75
W. D. Hughes	Misc	4			.70	.20
Total		656	246	735.50	835.00	187.25

NORTH CAROLINA

M. L. Branch	CK	62	16	16.00	16.50	.50
N. Q. Smith	CK	79	18	20.00	27.40	12.55
G. L. Kerley	DR	80	15	30.75	37.30	6.55
G. H. Jeys	CK	71	28	28.00	34.50	6.50
Irregular	Misc	30	10	36.25	43.65	7.40
J. S. Killen	Misc	30	1	1.25	31.00	29.75
Bertha Graham	CK	32	14	14.00	20.25	11.25
T. T. Stepp	DR	39	11	24.25	28.05	3.80
J. P. Allran	CK	45	41	41.00	46.25	5.25
H. B. Hahn	CK	14	8	8.00	8.00	
H. B. Tilden	CK	9	11	11.00	12.05	1.05
W. E. Lanier	DR	78	29	52.75	68.75	65.00
R. L. Underwood	DR	70	33	64.75	69.95	47.70
Total		648	235	348.00	443.65	197.25