

Field Tidings

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HOME AGAIN

Our most excellent gathering in General Conference session is now in the past. We have entered upon another four years of activity. What conditions will prevail in our world when the time comes for our next General Conference session, none can definitely forecast. Certain it is we have no time to lose, and he who now spends his time in "smiting his fellow-servants" instead of active labor for souls, will surely fall behind in this great work.

On our return from Washington, Brother Branson and I visited Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Hastings, Orange Mills, and Daytona. We found the brethren in all of these churches of good courage, and the work prospering. The new Sabbath keepers at Hastings, Orange Mills, and Daytona all seem to be of good courage, and I believe they are growing in the truth. The General Conference Bulletin, and the Review have been sources of great encouragement to them. By these good papers they have been able to see how the Message is going, and it strengthens their faith. Surely all should have the good old Review. There is nothing better to place into the hands of new converts, and it should be a continual visitor in every Sabbath-keeping home.

I am now at Orlando for a few days, catching up with correspondence and making arrangements for our camp-meeting to be held here this fall. I will remain here until the time of the Bartow convention, July 17th. Brethren, plan to attend these conventions. They will prove a source of strength to you. And above all, begin now making your arrangements to attend our camp-meeting this fall. We want to see the largest attendance ever assembled in Florida.

R. W. PARMELE.

FROM NORTH TO SOUTH CAROLINA

June 26 the N. C. conference committee held a meeting at Archdale, N. C. Camp-meeting plans were laid, committees appointed, etc. It was arranged to hold a tent-meeting at Walnut Cove previous to the camp-meeting which is to be

held at Cleveland, August 12-22. At the close of the committee meeting I offered my resignation as president of the North Carolina conference which was accepted and Elder G. W. Wells was selected to fill the vacancy. Elder Wells was present and entered immediately upon the duties of his office. June 24th I started for South Carolina. I stopped enroute at Lexington and visited the little company there. They are of good courage. Their church building is now finished and seated. All it now lacks is painting. I hope they may soon have this done and be ready to have the dedication services. I arrived in Spartanburg, South Carolina, Friday the 25th. The next day, Sabbath, was quarterly meeting time for the church and at the same time the church building was dedicated. Elder Nash, the conference president, preaching the sermon and the writer offering the prayer.

A committee meeting for the South Carolina conference was held June 27. Here Elder Nash offered his resignation as president of the conference and this being accepted by the committee, the writer was elected to fill the vacancy there made. All expressed regret to give up Elder Nash. As he goes from the state he carries the love and good will of his brethren. These various changes were made in response to suggestions from the Union. Personally I feel much regret at leaving my brethren and the work I have learned to love in North Carolina, and yet the work is one all over the world. My South Carolina brethren gave me royal welcome, and I take up the work with courage. My address is Anderson, South Carolina. The camp-meeting is to be held here and is to be preceded by a tent effort.

T. H. JEYS.

GEORGIA CAMP-MEETING

The annual Conference and Camp-meeting of the Georgia Conference will be held at Macon July, 29 - August 8, 1909.

It is earnestly desired that all our brethren and sisters attend. We cannot afford to miss the many blessings God has for us on these spe-

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PROGRESS OF CANVASSING WORK THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

		SALES			
		1906	1907	1908	1909
January		\$21,000.00	\$26,325.50	\$25,929.06	\$40,977.05
February		15,000.00	26,369.61	30,466.40	48,748.21
March		18,000.00	36,253.65	36,390.09	52,703.55
April		23,700.00	35,276.36	43,858.29	55,109.54
		Sales by Decades			
From 1845-1854	value of literature distributed,			first decade,	\$2,500.00
From 1855-1864	value of literature sold,			second decade,	17,000.00
From 1865-1874	value of literature sold,			third decade,	75,000.00
From 1875-1884	value of literature sold,			fourth decade,	371,000.00
From 1885-1894	value of literature sold,			fifth decade,	3,900,000.00
From 1895-1904	value of literature sold,			sixth decade,	3,144,000.00
From 1905-1909	or four years of the present decade				3,557,000.00
Annual sales during the past four years of the present decade					
Sales in 1905	\$548,000.00,	in 1906	\$824,000.00,	in 1907	\$1,035,000.00,
				in 1908	\$1,150,000.00
Total, during the past four years,					3,557,000.00

In view of these figures should not every Seventh-day Adventist take courage in the progress of the work, and especially in the sale of our literature?

Several years ago the Lord, through His servant, said that the canvassing work would revive, and that in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory. Surely these things are being fulfilled before our eyes. V. O. C.

cial occasions. Come up to the feast brethren, and enjoy a refreshing from His presence.

We expect efficient help from the General and Union conferences. Begin to-day to get ready.

C. B. STEPHENSON.
President Georgia Conference

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UNION CONFERENCE NOTES

Since the close of the General Conference the grounds about the new Union Conference building at Atlanta have been cleaned up and now the whole enterprise presents a very presentable appearance besides being a source of considerable revenue to the Union in the way of rents, for while we enlarged the original plans and built at some additional cost, still the investment is proving a good one and by this means we shall soon be able to help lift the burdens in other parts of our field now resting upon our institutions.

Good reports are coming in from the field relative to the establishment of tent companies and now is the time for us all to join in earnest prayer that success may follow these various efforts that large returns may be given us in the salvation of souls. At Asheville, Elder Martin has arrived and in a few days will be at work in this corner, which has been set apart as Union territory. He is assisted by Brother and Sister Cluff, formerly of Hartford, Conn.

Elder Sweaney and wife have reached their new field of labor at Nassau, Bahamas, and we are

looking with glad anticipation to the pressing forward of evangelical work in this newest part of our Union. Pray for the work in this island field where there are many perplexities to meet.

Elder Dowsett has just finished auditing the books of the Training School.

Brethren Dowsett, Hansen, and the writer left for Nashville Monday as a committee to act with a like one in the Southern Union-conference, to arrange for the adjustment of the affairs of the Southern Missionary Society which has been made a part of the SOUTHEASTERN UNION NEGRO MISSION.

At a meeting of the Graysville church last week a very encouraging start was made to raise a fund to buy seats for the Training School chapel. This has been a long felt need and as we saw the willingness on the part of those who were present to lift in this worthy enterprise, we could but feel that the spirit of real sacrifice, which marked the establishment of the school, was still alive.

At a recent meeting of the Georgia Conference committee, Elder C. B. Stephenson, formerly of Florida, was unanimously chosen as president of the conference to take the place of Elder Wells who has been chosen to serve in like capacity in North Carolina. Brother Stephenson is now actively engaged in the duties in his new field.

We expect to have medical attendance at several of our camps this year which will give our people the opportunity of medical examina-

tions and advice from those who are following the light which God has given to us along these lines.

We are rapidly approaching the camp-meeting season, the time when God's people can gather together to study the the great needs of the field, to ask and receive the blessings they need to carry forward the Message and to draw nearer and still nearer to the Captain of our Salvation, that we may be able to stand amid the scenes just before us, which will mark the end of all things.

It was a noticeable feature in the talks of Sister White at the last General Conference, how many times she referred to the work to be done in our Southland, and this call for enlarged effort makes it imperative that every one should be awake to the situation and that we improve these opportunities, as given in the camp-meetings, and as never before, arm ourselves for the conflict and press the battle to the gates.

Arrangements have been made to have sufficient help at the various meetings so that every department of our work shall be represented. Elder K. C. Russell will be with us all through the series and will render efficient help. Southeastern Union laborers will also be in attendance.

Brethren and sisters, let us make a determined effort to be present at these feasts of the Lord and though it means a sacrifice, let us not forget that God has told us that it is His will that His people gather at these times of special seeking Him, that we may get the blessing we need for the final conflict.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

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GEORGIA

NOTES FROM CANVISSERS EXPERIENCES

We are pleased to be able to report a steady growth and interest in the canvassing work in Georgia.

Brother and sister Carter report courage and success in their new territory.

Brother Kimmel also reports success and a desire on the part of some to know more of the Truth.

The company at Tifton are of good courage and are doing some good work with Daniel and the Revelation.

Brethren Binens and Tait have just finished a fine delivery in north Georgia and are now entering new territory.

The brethren at the Dixie church are of good courage and are doing some good work; however, we hope to hear of them doing more soon.

Brother and Sister Terry report good success in their book work and two or three new Sabbath-keepers as a result of their efforts with Daniel and the Revelation. May God continue to bless the efforts of the faithful canvassers.

The time for the Georgia camp-meeting has been set for July 29. All of the canvassers should plan now to be present.

A. L. Manous

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CHURCH SCHOOLS

The time has come when the superintendents of church schools in the various conferences should be active in planning for their respective schools. Teachers will be scarce in this field during the coming year and it will be necessary to make strenuous efforts to fill all the calls. It will not be out of place to note here that the Southern Training School offers a good "Normal Course", and that it is a good time for those who expect to make teaching their work, to plan to take this course, and thus become fitted to do their work in an acceptable manner. In connection with the Normal Course there is offered regular observation and teaching in the Model School which is under the direction of an experienced teacher.

M. B. VAN KIRK

Educational Sec. S. E. U.

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CANVISSING WORK IN TENNESSEE

The Lord is doing some great things for his faithful ones in the canvassing work of late.

I feel to praise his great name for the goodly company that is in the field now, and there are good prospects for additions to the number in the near future.

I am sure that there are many others who feel that they ought to be among those who are scattering the printed page.

The Lord told us when the canvassing work dropped off so greatly several years ago, that it would come up again with greater vigor than ever. We are in that time now brethren. It is simply wonderful the way the Lord is working. Two of the girls from the school took orders last week for our good books to the amount of eighty nine dollars. Both together only putting in sixty eight hours. After allowing eight hours out of each day for sleep it still leaves them an average of eleven and one seventh hours per day for rest, study, meditation, and recreation. What other class of persons who have to work for a living can show such a record?

One brother who writes that the country is very thinly settled where a good deal of his work has been done, reports \$151.75 worth of orders in ninety three hours. He worked forty five hours one week and forty eight the other. See how the Lord blesses full days and weeks.

You will see by the report in this issue that there are twenty five of us at it now. Of course my name does not appear on the list, but most all of my time is put in lifting at the wheel for someone else.

So you see I want to be counted on the list too. I am

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Camp-meeting Dates

Georgia	Macon,	July 29-August 8
South Carolina	Anderson,	August 5-15
North Carolina	Cleveland,	August 12-22
Cumberland	Athens,	August 24-September 5
Florida	Orlando,	October 21-31

Note, Conferences should keep the Tidings informed of any change of date or place.

sorry to say that Sisters Judy and Woolsey are in very feeble health. I ask the prayers of all the brethren and sisters in their behalf and also that the Lord will give all of us health and courage to work for Him.

S. F. READER.

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The Sabbath Question

Beginning July 28 a series of sixteen special articles on "The Sabbath Question" will appear in the SIGNS OF THE TIMES weekly, covering the history of the Sabbath from its origin down to the present time.

1. Sabbath at Creation.
2. The Sabbath during the days of the Patriarchs.
3. The Sabbath at the Exodus.
4. The Sabbath marked by the Manna.
5. The Sabbath in the Decalogue.
6. The Sabbath "made known" to Israel.
7. The Sabbath in Israel's land.
8. Christ and the Sabbath.
9. The Sabbath at the Crucifixion.
10. The Sabbath and the Apostles.
11. The change of the Sabbath as indicated by Prophecy.
12. The change of the Sabbath as proved by History.
13. The restoration of the Sabbath Predicted by Divine prophecy.
14. The Seal of God.
15. The First Day in the Scriptures; Is it a Holy Day?
16. The Sabbath in Eternity.

These articles will give the reader a mass of information that it would be difficult to find elsewhere. In view of the present agitation over the Sabbath question these articles are timely and will be interesting to our people and just the thing to place in the hands of those not of our faith.

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Notice

Two widowed sisters wishing to enter the canvassing work, wish boarding places for three children ranging in age from two to four years. They are willing to pay board. The work of these sisters is their only means of support. Will those who can care for one or more of these children write to C. V. Achenbach, Orlando, Fla.

CANVASSING REPORT

For two Weeks, Ending July 3, 1909.

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Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Crds.,	Value,	Total,	De
CUMBERLAND						
F. B. Sedore	BFL	45	55	80.50	85.50	
Fred Meister	BFL	73	49	57.00	59.75	.50
W. Kirkham	BFL	87	43	51.00	64.25	1.50
E. D. Haskell	GC	50	-	5.25	5.25	6.00
Harry Watt	BFL	40	-	-	-	42.00
Fannie Fine	CK	4	-	-	-	6.00
Mrs. L. J. Easterling	BFL	5	-	-	-	7.50
Mrs. R. A. Judy	BFL	13	6	-	-	5.00
R. S. Philmon	CK	25	14	14.00	14.25	3.75
Ed. Whittier	CK	36	26	29.00	33.50	2.75
R. A. Judy	CK	20	5	5.00	5.00	5.00
A. Wood	DR	34	5	13.75	16.00	
C. G. Manns	BFL	34	7	7.50	8.25	1.50
John Green	DR	33	11	31.75	46.75	5.75
Mrs. A. D. Day	BFL	14	1	1.00	1.25	3.00
John Meister	BFL	118	50	59.00	59.00	
Ralph J. Woolsey	DR	57	3	5.75	5.75	17.35
Clara Meister	BFL	70	56	61.00	86.75	.50
Bethel Skinner	BFL	71	47	54.50	83.50	.75
A. Caldwell	BFL	68	-	-	-	45.45
Total		887	378	476.00	575.25	154.50
SOUTH CAROLINA						
G. B. Case	DR	53	50	83.50	85.00	4.25
Rose Lull	BFL	31	3	3.00	6.00	17.50
C. L. Belue	DR	1	3	8.25	8.25	
I. R. Harden	DR	40	6	8.75	8.75	8.75
E. A. Wing	Misc	28	53	33.00	33.00	12.25
H. B. Gallian	GC	40	10	27.75	28.00	
W. A. Smith	BFL	15	5	5.00	7.50	7.50
Total		208	130	169.25	176.50	50.25
NORTH CAROLINA						
R. L. Underwood	DR	45	-	-	23.50	134.50
W. E. Lainer	DR	62	-	-	16.00	121.50
T. T. Stepp	DR	68	22	54.50	60.70	7.95
G. L. Kerley	DR	102	13	33.75	40.00	73.75
	DR	60	28	77.00	86.85	83.10
Bertha Graham	CK	-	-	-	.50	6.50
G. H. Jeys	CK	62	28	28.00	33.00	5.00
M. L. Branch	CK	49	11	11.00	12.75	39.75
H. B. Tilden	CK	6	3	4.00	4.85	11.85
H. B. Hahn	CK	75	17	17.00	25.00	18.00
N. Q. Smith	CK	29	1	1.00	1.00	
J. S. Killen	SP	28	9	11.25	15.75	40.75
Total		586	132	234.50	316.20	540.20
GEORGIA						
J. M. Lewis	DR	42	40	136.00	137.00	
Thos. Hendersen	DR	32	-	-	-	15.60
Mrs. W. F. Nallo	DR	2	3	5.25	5.25	
Mrs. R. O. Terry	DR	27	10	19.50	19.90	13.75
A. U. Cochran	DR	8	2	4.50	4.50	4.50
R. O. Terry	DR	37	12	23.00	24.20	
J. A. Kimmel	BFL	47	2	4.75	6.55	28.00
W. F. Bales	DR	40	36	114.00	114.50	.50
C. N. Binews	DR	14	18	41.50	42.60	2.75
Irwin Tait	DR	17	14	38.50	39.00	2.75
J. A. Suddeth	DR	84	24	72.00	76.00	5.50
W. P. Andrews	PL	88	9	9.00	27.50	16.00
David Fisher	Misc	25	20	23.10	23.10	14.15
Miss Katie Howard	Misc	20	8	15.00	15.00	15.00
T. J. Highsmith	DR	11	8	23.90	23.90	
Thos. Henderson Junior	LB	1	-	-	-	.50
Mrs. P. R. Rainwater	BFL	32	50	50.00	50.00	
Total		527	256	570.00	628.50	98.0
FLORIDA						
Grace Hunter	BFL	28	6	9.00	9.00	
Mrs E. B. Romans	DR	79	5	8.75	9.25	5.00
Mary Manos	BFL	4	3	3.50	3.50	1.00
Albert Benson	Misc	-	-	-	-	3.50
C. V. Achenbach	Misc	42	31	54.00	54.00	16.00
Total		154	45	85.25	85.75	25.50