

# Field Tidings

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### A CHAPTER FROM THE CANVASSER'S CHRONICLES

It came to pass in the reign of King Disorder, in the seventh year of his reign that there rose up certain mighty men of valor and said one to another, Go to, let us move the world. So when they had taken counsel together they set forward to canvass. But they thought scorn to consult with the state agent. And behold they went to a notable city and abode there certain days and endeavored to convert all the inhabitants thereof; warning and admonishing them, and with many words persuading both men and women.

Now it came to pass as they were in the marketplace, that great opportunities for missionary work presented themselves, even to speak unto the men that resorted thither, so that for the space of several hours, they did naught except give the message. Yea, they warned those who harkened, to beware of the beast or his image, or the number of his name. And, as the people seemed slow to understand, they upbraided them for their blindness of mind and hardness of heart. And because such abundant opportunities presented themselves to give the message, it came to pass that they sold few books, so their cash waxed low. Then called they upon the state agent and asked if the emergency fund might not afford them some help. But the state agent answered them roughly and cast devices and magnified himself against them, even to the extent of suggesting that they would do better to do more quiet canvassing and less preaching. But they said among themselves, "We will not have this man to rule over us". So they continued as they had afore time. But many tempestuous times arose, by reason of which one went to his farm and another to his merchandise. And lo, one said unto his fellow, Behold the world we planned to move, remains unmoved. And it was so.

Now the rest of the acts of the men, and how they are yet in debt to the publishing house, and how they spoke bitterly of the hard-heartedness of the state agent, and vowed never to have anything more to do with canvassing,

behold are they not written in the chronicles of every state agent's experience?

T. H. JEYS

*Anderson, S. C.*

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### TAMPA FLORIDA

As we look back over our work in Tampa we cannot see so much accomplished as we had hoped for, in the way of adherents to the truth; but we feel that some fruit of our labors will be gathered into the heavenly garner.

We labored under a heavy load of care and trial and uncertainties, owing to the long and severe illness of Mrs. Webster; yet, in it all, the blessed Savior was near to us to give grace, and we had the pleasure of seeing a few souls accept the truth. Three of these left the city immediately afterward; a street-car conductor giving up his position and, with his wife, moving to White City that that they might be free to keep the Sabbath; the other, a lady on a visit to her friends, returned to her home in Massachusetts to be a light in a city that has never heard the truth. Two others who began to keep the Sabbath have not yet taken their stand fully for the truth.

The interest awakened by the systematic use of the Family Bible Teacher was followed up by Bible readings, personal visits, and public meetings in the church. As a result several are interested who we feel sure will accept the truth by a little more effort made for them.

Two or three colored people accepted the truth and unite with the little company in their worship. We were able to help these much by meeting with them Friday evenings and Sabbaths. Some of them are actively engaged in canvassing and Bible work.

The Tampa church seems to have been benefited by the labor done there. Nearly all are beginning to see more clearly the danger of a course independent of the body as a whole, and of taking the opinion or judgment of one or two as to what is best and right regardless of the judgment of the whole body. There are loyal souls in this church who will always have their influence on the right side.

On account of Mrs. Webster's continued ill-

health she is now at Florida sanitarium at Orlando for treatment, while I am helping Brother W. H. Branson in a tent-meeting three miles from Orlando. A very good interest is manifested, but the meeting has not progressed far enough for us to see what may be accomplished here. That will be reported later. Remember us and our work in your prayers.

E. W. WEBSTER.

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### NORTH CAROLINA CAMP-MEETING

The Annual Session of the North Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has been appointed to convene at Cleveland, North Carolina, August 12-22, 1909 in connection with the Camp-meeting.

This will be the time for the election of officers and consideration of matters of vital importance. We hope for a full attendance. My brethren, let no matters of small importance about home keep you from this precious season of refreshing.

We are expecting the best of help from the Union, and have the promise of Elder K. C. Russell from the General Conference.

It is high time that all our arrangements were made to be at the meeting the first day, and come prepared to remain until the close.

Arrangements are being made to have a dining tent under the direction of Brother W. L. Killen.

Cleveland is located on the main line of the Southern R. R. between Asheville and Salisbury, fifteen miles west of Salisbury.

Those desiring tents should write to Elder R. T. Nash, Cleveland, North Carolina. He is already on the grounds conducting a tent effort, and can serve you best.

Considering the time in which we are living and the rapidity with which this message is going, we feel sure that this should be one of the most interesting and important meetings ever held in this Conference.

Come with your children. Come asking God to bless us all. Come bringing a cheerful spirit, and trusting in God. Come bringing an offering.

G. W. WELLS.  
*President.*

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### ANDERSON, S. C.

In company with Brother H. B. Gallion, I came to Anderson Monday June 28. We began immediately to look for a site for our tent. For sometime it seemed that we were not going to be able to find it. One place we had selected proved to be the property of a lady who was willing to let us use it for the modest sum of ten

dollars per week. We decided to look farther. We finally decided on a very pleasant vacant lot in a nice part of the city, and were much pleased at the owner's willingness to let it be used absolutely free of cost. We pitched our tent and have begun meetings. The attendance thus far is not large but is slowly increasing. This city has been thoroughly canvassed for our books and it seems there must be some here whose hearts God will touch. Brother Gallion has lived here for sometime and every one speaks well of him. I expect Elder E. W. Carvay to join the work here to day. Pray for work and workers at Anderson.

T. H. JEYS

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### S. E Union Conference Notes

On the 13th inst., brethren Dowsett, Hansen, and the writer were in Nashville as a committee to act in harmony with a like committee from the Southern Union Conference, in settlement of the relation of the Southern Missionary Society, which had been absorbed into the newly organized Negro Mission of the Southern Union Conference.

We are glad to report a most harmonious meeting in which there was an evident desire to forward the cause of the Third Angle's Message in both Unions, and the agreement drawn up and signed by the united committee, made due provision for the advance work among the colored population of both Unions. An equitable adjustment of the income of the S. M. S. was made and the property in each Union becomes the property of the respective Unions, title being passed from the S. M. S. to the Southeastern Union for the Atlanta property.

A temporary organization of the Southeastern Union Negro Mission is being effected to carry out the provisions of the General Conference recommendation along these lines.

The writer will act as Superintendent of the Mission with Elder Dowsett as Secretary and Treasurer. Elder M. C. Strachan, of Asheville will act as a field Secretary, having in direct charge the educational work and assisting in the evangelical work as opportunity is afforded. All communications relative to the school work should be addressed to Elder Strachan at the Union conference office, 169 Bryan Street, Atlanta, Ga., till further notice. This line of work will be thoroughly considered at the camp-meetings and we trust that such arrangements can be made as will enable us to rightly prosecute this work to which the Lord has so long been calling us.

Good reports come from various parts of the field relative to the tent-meetings which

are being held.

At Asheville where brother Martin is leading in the work, the word comes of a large attendance to open the course of meetings and the best class of people coming to the tent gave evidence of a strong desire to hear the Word of Life.

Elder Wells at Walnut Cove, North Carolina writes of most encouraging attendance with good prospects ahead.

Elder Scott at Sumter is engaged in a hard battle for the Truth and with increasing interest. A tent full every night shows that God is with them.

And so on from many quarters comes a good message of bright omens for a good harvest. Now, brethren and sisters, is the time to pray earnestly that these men, upon whom you have placed the responsibility of carrying the Truth to the World, may be given many souls for their hire; and that down here in this Southland so long neglected by us as a people, the last warning Message may find its way to honest hearts waiting for the Salvation of our Lord.

The Camp-meeting season is right upon us. Commencing ere this paper reaches its hearers, at Macon, Ga., we have five weeks of steady meetings at the various camps in the Union. These seasons will mark a more definite advance in our work than any ever yet held in our Union. Last year we were just organizing as a Union. Now we have studied and found out what lies before us and what our home strength is. New plans, greater purposes, deeper consecration, must be ours.

We hope that every real believer will allow nothing to stand in between him and going to the Camp-meeting. We need your help brethren and sisters in arranging the work of the coming year. The help that God has given us during the past year has been great and we can look forward to a prosperous future if we will follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit, but for this very thing, the Lord has told us that we should attend these yearly convocations of His people.

We would earnestly request all teachers who taught mission schools last year under the direction of the Southern Missionary Society to send brother M. C. Strachan at the Union conference headquarters the following items. 1. Location of school. 2. Attendance. 3. No. of teachers. 4. Income from school (average). 5. Suggested time of opening school this year. 6. Suggested length of school year with what holidays. Unless this matter is attended to there may be delay in making satisfactory arrangements and we therefore trust that this information will be speedily forwarded. In case of

the removal of the teacher of last year from the school locality, we urge that the church elder or clerk send the required information.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

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## GEORGIA

### Among the Churches

Sabbath, June 23 Brother Manous and the writer visited the Alpharetta church. Quarterly meeting was conducted. The Lord came near by His Spirit.

We spent the Sabbath and Sunday, July 3 and 4 with the Macon company. We were glad to see so many at Sabbath School and Young People's meeting.

Wednesday the 6th I began meetings in the Dixie church conducting two services a day, continuing until Sunday night. After the service Sunday morning ten were baptized and received into the church, some of whom had been waiting for baptism some time. May the Lord continue to bless in the salvation of souls.

C. B. STEPHENSON

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### The South Carolina Camp meeting

The time draws near for this very important meeting and I hope our brethren throughout the state are making no other plans than to come to this meeting and stay through the entire time. And let me urge you, dear brethren, don't wait to arrive on the ground until Friday evening. The meeting begins Thursday August 5. If you wait until Friday, you will miss some of the meetings, and further run the risk of not getting settled until the Sabbath will be upon you.

A dining tent will be in operation for those who do not wish to manage their own dining arrangements.

We shall try to make all plans for the comfort, convenience, and health of those who attend. Come brethren, let us go up to this annual gathering with full determination to get and impart all the blessings that God intends we should.

Elder K. C. Russel is promised us from the General Conference and our Union Conference president, Elder Westworth, and Elder Dowsett will be present. All lines of Gospel work will receive attention. Come early, and bring the children, stay till the close, pray much, complain little, grumble none--and leave the dog at home.

T. H. JEYS.

"Many are battered as lead by the hammer, who were never bettered as gold by the fire."

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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.

Florida Items

The tent-meeting at Livingston, conducted by Brethren Branson, Webster and Carroll is progressing encouragingly.

Brother Manns reports a full house in his meetings at Punta Gorda. Indications are that the time has fully come to review the work in Punta Gorda for both races.

In response to a request made by Elder Parmele, the following letter was received from the Secretary of Orlando Board of Trade.

"Your letter of the 6th, addressed to Hon. J.M. Cheney, President of Board of Trade, received. We would advise that we will be glad to comply with your request, two arcs and six incandescents, from September 23 to October 31. If there is anything else that we can do kindly let us know."

"We appreciate your efforts to establish Orlando as a central place for such a desirable class of citizens, and will co-operate in every possible way, personally and collectively, as we may have opportunity."

This covers the time for our tent-meeting and canvassers institute, Conference and camp-meeting. It is a substantial evidence of the welcome that Orlando gives to our annual encampment. Brethren, let us from this time seek God earnestly for his signal blessing upon this meeting, that nothing be done to mar the good impression that our work in Orlando has made upon these prominent men.

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Cumberland Conference

The next annual session of the Cumberland conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Athens, Tenn., beginning Aug. 24. The first two days will be devoted to the election of officers for the coming year, and such other business as should properly come before the Conference.

We trust that all of the churches will see that their delegates are properly elected and

present for the opening sessions at 2:30 Aug. 24.

J. F. POGUE,  
President.

A PERSONAL REPORT

We enjoy the visits of our Field Tidings very much. It helps us to keep in touch with the work and workers. We are certainly glad to hear of progress, especially in the home field.

We enjoy reading the Bulletin very much. We are of good courage and are letting our light shine in this neglected part of the Lord's vineyard.

I take a club of five Sentinels for weekly distribution, and have at least two interested readers.

I renewed my subscription for the Review and sent in a new Subscriber's name at the same time for a year.

A. READER.

CANVASSING REPORT

For two Weeks, Ending July 16, 1909.

Southeastern Union Conference.

Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Value,	Total,	Del.
<b>CUMBERLAND</b>						
Aba Woolsey	HH					21.25
Harry Watt	BFL	48				21.90
Fannie Fine	CK	3	2	2.00		
Ed. Whittier	CK	40				71.50
R. A. Judy	CK	8				1.50
A. Wood	DR	3	7	18.25	18.50	
C. G. Manns	BFL	58	18	18.00	23.75	7.50
John S. Green	DR	30	7	23.25	41.75	11.10
Mrs. A. D. Day	BFL	20	6	6.00	9.65	
Fred Meister	BFL	110	49	7.50	81.00	88.00
C. N. Cowdy	DR	29	19	12.25	12.25	
E. B. Sedore	BFL	70				201.00
Walter Kirkham	BFL	38	32	44.00	53.50	1.10
E. D. Haskell	CK	34	8	9.50	11.75	1.25
Ralph J. Woolsey	DR	74	14	27.50	36.90	17.75
Florence Whitney	DR	40	24	55.00	83.75	
Clara Meister	BFL	85	71	77.00	116.00	65.50
Bethel Skinner	BFL	85	39	68.00	110.50	56.40
C. M. Emmerson	BFL	30	30		39.50	
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>						
G. B. Case	DR	33	21	60.55	64.75	3.50
I. R. Harden	BFL	35	10	14.25	15.75	
Rose Lull	BFL	22	3	4.50	4.50	9.00
E. A. Wing	DR	11	38	18.50	18.50	10.75
J. B. Rise	DR	37	3	4.75	9.75	
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>						
W. E. Lanier	DR	68	33	60.75	65.25	30.75
G. I. Kerley	DR	35	7	14.75	15.75	1.00
R. L. Underwood	DR	60	27	56.25	58.75	2.50
H. B. Tilden	DR	26	18	31.50	35.40	5.50
T. T. Stepp	DR	80	26	71.75	80.25	74.50
J. W. Moore	DR	91	34	66.50	69.50	3.00
	DR	45	26	70.20	79.70	18.75
V. L. Branch	CK	63	21	21.00	24.25	3.25
N. Q. Smith	CK	28	1	1.00	1.35	2.35
Amelia Webster	G to H	41	20	62.00	94.00	2.00
Loss Underwood	BS	40	19	9.50	9.50	5.00
J. S. Killen	S of P	29	11	15.00	21.75	6.75
Bertha Graham	CK				1.00	8.00

Summary

Cumberland	Total	345	348	431.23	650.30	564.75
South Carolina	Total	188	75	102.25	113.25	24.25
North Carolina	Total	576	244	480.20	526.45	163.00