

Field Tidings

The Southeastern Union Conference

VOL. I

GRAYSVILLE, TENNESSEE, SEP. 8, 1909

NO. 17

SOUTHEASTERN UNION CONFERENCE DIRECTORY
OFFICE ADDRESS 169 Bryan Street, Atlanta, Ga.
PRESIDENT, W. A. Westworth Graysville, Tenn.
VICE PRESIDENT, G. W. Wells Office Address
SECRETARY and TREASURER, R. T. Dowsett, Office Address
EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY, M. B. Van Kirk, Graysville, Tenn.
FIELD MISSIONARY AGENT, V. O. Cole, Graysville, Tenn.
MISSIONARY SECRETARY, Mrs. Helen Dowsett, Office Address
MEDICAL SECRETARY, L. A. Hansen Graysville, Tenn.
Y. P. M. V. SECRETARY Mrs. M. S. Lenker, Graysville, Tenn.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W. A. Westworth	L. A. Hansen	R. T. Dowsett
C. B. Stephenson	M. B. Van Kirk	R. W. Parmele
J. F. Pogue	T. H. Jeys	V. O. Cole
		G. W. Wells

THE BOOK WORK

RESOLUTION AND DISCUSSION AT ANDERSON, S. C. CAMP-MEETING

WHEREAS, There have in the past been some irregularities in connection with the canvassing work in this state which have not had an influence to strengthen this department of the work; therefore,—

RESOLVED, That we pledge ourselves and our influence to support the organized work of the publishing department as represented by the Branch Office in Atlanta, the Union Conference Canvassing Agent, and our State Agent.

This resolution called forth an interesting and instructive discussion. The tendency of some to sell on private contract, or in some other independent line, is demoralizing to our work. Many of our people are unconscious of the effect of their failure to recognize these fundamental principles. When properly educated all can see the benefit to themselves as well as the work.

Elder Jeys spoke briefly of the general plan of our organization; first the individual, then the church, the local conference, the union conference and the general conference. If each part works in harmony with the other parts peace, good-feeling, and prosperity follow. If it can be right for one member to break off from the general plan, any individual can consistently work independent of or at cross purposes to the church or local conference, the local conference may also work independent of the union conference, and the union conference may carry on its work in opposition to the plans and counsel of the general conference. There is always only one result—disorganization—that follows

such independent work, and that result developed is anarchy, with all its train of ill-feeling, sorrow, and loss. These general principles apply definitely to the canvassing work.

Further, the conference receives from the Branch Office 5% on the retail value of all subscription books sent by the Branch Office into the conference, and every loyal member of the conference will not only do all he can to get workers to selling such books, but will encourage workers now in the field to deal with the Branch Office.

Brother Gallion (State Agent) said he considered this resolution a very important and timely one, and that he hoped the conference would heartily enter into its spirit.

Elder K. C. Russell called our attention to the manner in which the work in South Carolina was started. Earnest effort and hard earned money were expended by the organization in other conferences in order to plant the truth here. In other words the present state of progress of the cause in South Carolina is the result of an investment of men and money. Which has been and still is being made by the organized work, and therefore the work in our state is rightfully the property of the organization, and it is not only disloyalty to the organization but is really robbing it, when its members and channels of effort are used for private gain. He was asked if it would not be right to patronize the Branch Office even though the same supplies could be secured at a lower figure from some other source. He said we ought to purchase from the Branch Office for it would be cheaper in the long run. The organization has its men in charge of the work to support, and if the business does not support them we must pay them from other funds. Further, if the organized work should be destroyed by our patronizing independent workers, we would then be at the mercy of these uncertain sources of supply. We must take, said he, this broad way of looking at the matter.

The organized work is ours, and we should never allow ourselves to speak of the Branch Office, or of those who are its representatives in the field as "they", or "their work" it should always be in mind and word "our office" and "our work" for it is our interests that are at stake as no profits accrue to any individual connected with the publishing house. A greater responsibility rests upon those directly connected with the publishing department, and they try to make the work self-supporting that the cause may be advanced.

Brother Randall, of the Branch Office, asked which we would prefer to do, make the publish-

self-supporting by patronizing it or, as has sometimes been done, give donations to pay its debts to prevent bankruptcy and disgrace to the cause. He also remarked that figures sometimes speak louder than words, and read the amount of sales from the Branch Office to the different conferences in the Union up to July 31. The total sales were \$5646.14, of which only \$157.79 went to South Carolina. This is about one-thirty-eighth of the whole, and about one-fourteenth as much as was shipped to North Carolina during the same period. He thought the comparatively small sales in South Carolina were largely due to the conditions existing in the state, which the resolution under consideration sought to correct. He hoped that South Carolina would give this matter the consideration it deserves.

Elder Jey's remarked that we would get about \$7.50 out of the 5% item with which to pay Brother Gallion for four months, while North Carolina would have about \$110.00 toward the expense of their state agent for the same time. It is worth while, financially, as well as for the sake of organization, to stand loyal to the work as organized, although we may not understand every detail.

After some further discussion in which several questions were answered the resolution was unanimously passed.

Anderson, S. C.

* * *

RETURN TO SERVICE IN FLORIDA

A kind providence has again permitted me to engage in active service for the Master.

It was planned for my wife and me to make Tampa our field of labor, so on the 21st of July we moved to that place.

For the first three weeks I was invited to attend the Sabbath School and Young People's Conventions in Tampa and Gainesville besides visiting several other churches.

The convention at Tampa held July 24th and 25th was a season of special interest. Many were the words of appreciation spoken by those who were so fortunate as to be present.

July 30th, in company with Elder Parmele and brother C. V. Achenbach, we proceeded to Gainesville where we were welcomed by the brethren and visiting delegates.

On Sabbath eve we all convened in their neat little church and had a praise service in which the Lord blessed.

Sabbath morning the convention proper was begun, Sister Stringer our State secretary, being present to grace the meeting with that enthusiasm which should characterize every lover of the Sabbath School and Young People's work.

The regular preaching service at night were quite well attended. Two candidates were baptized at the close of the convention.

August 2nd the writer went to Brooker and began meetings in the church. After an absence of four years it was a source of much pleasure to again meet with this faithful company.

Brethren Parmele and Achenbach arrived on the 5th to continue the meetings until Sunday night which relieved me to go and spend the Sabbath with the Jennings Lake Church.

We were so glad to see in this place, and all along the way, the interest that the children and young people manifested.

One young lady at the latter place had tried selling our periodicals with excellent success.

Two more at Gainesville decided to sell books and periodicals and earn a scholarship.

Let us continue to encourage the children and young people and we will see results.

Last but not least, in company with Elder Parmele we met with church at Morriston.

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude in finding a fair sized church building all finished and paid for.

The building presented such a new appearance and the work was done so quickly that we feel a word of commendation not out of place.

Sunday morning the building was dedicated with appropriate services. Elder Parmele preached an earnest dedicatory sermon to an appreciative audience. While here we had the privilege of baptizing one of our young people.

In returning to Tampa, via Orlando, the writer stopped one night at Center Hill and spoke in the Presbyterian Church. The attendance was good and the invitations to come again were many.

As we now take up the work in Tampa can we not expect many prayers that God will open minds to receive the truth which gladdens the heart and enlightens the soul?

LEROY T. CRISLER,

2817 Jefferson St. Tampa, Fla.

* * *

THE FLORIDA CONVENTIONS

We now look back upon the series of Sabbath School and Young People's Conventions held at Bartow, Tampa and Gainesville with no small degree of pleasure. There was a good attendance and all the local schools, with one exception were fully represented by one or more delegates besides a goodly number of visitors.

There were present at these meetings our president Elder R. W. Parmele, our State Agent, C. V. Achenbach, Elder L. T. Crisler who has been invited to fill the vacancy in the office of secretary of the Young People's Work made by the departure of Elder Stephenson, and the Sabbath School Secretary.

The program carried out at the three places was some what similar. Some very interesting and instructive papers were prepared by members of different schools, and the hearty co-operation and interest manifested was commendable. Time would not permit all phases of the Sabbath School work to be considered. We believe that all realize more than ever the importance of this branch of the work and that its sphere in unifying us as a people, its capacity as an educational factor, its world wide mission field, and the instrumentality it should be in bringing souls to Christ, are all unlimited.

We believe these conventions have broadened our love for this work as well as that of the Young People. We each found in our own schools ample opportunities for making improvements and may the good resolutions made in each heart be manifested by the good fruits they shall bear.

SUPPLEMENT

WORK IN FLORIDA WITH THE COLORED

On my return from Punta Gorda, where I held a series of meetings for more than thirty days, I arrived in Lakeland, August 13th, and there began a series of meetings which continued eight days.

During this meeting we had a very good attendance and on the Sabbath before the meetings closed the church was organized with a membership of nine. Three of these were baptized on Sunday the 22nd.

I came to Plant City the 24th, and the following day began a series of meetings which is now being well attended and the people are much interested, expressing a desire to know the truth. We hope for some fruits of these meetings. Pray for their success.

J. W. MANN.

* * *

Florida Items

Elder Parmele made a pleasant call at the office last week.

Brother C. P. Whitford reports a growing interest in his work at Ormond and Daytona.

The Ft. Ogden school opened Monday, the 6th of September. Elder Parmele was present at the beginning of the opening exercises.

Good letters are continually being received calling to mind the many blessings and benefits derived from the late Sabbath-School conventions.

Let all the colored brethren and sisters remember to secure certificates when purchasing tickets to attend their camp-meeting.

Bring the children to camp-meeting. They may be in school but we are first, to seek spiritual things. The children need these blessing as much as the older ones.

The tent effort near Orlando conducted by Bro. Branson and Elder Webster with good success has now closed. Sister Webster who spent a short time at the Sanitarium has received physical benefit. Elder and Mrs. Webster have gone to East Coast to join Bro. Whitford in his work there.

The Sanitarium has enjoyed a large patronage during the entire summer. At present writing they are having a little breathing spell, but the patronage has been exceptionally large for the summer months. Dr. Lydia E. Parmele recently resigned the position of Medical Superintendent in favor of Dr. M. M. Martinson. Dr. Parmele continues as lady physician, and treasurer of the institution.

A rate of one and one half fare plus 50¢ for the round trip has been granted us for our

camp-meeting this year on the certificate plan. This is not as liberal as formerly, but is the best that is given under the present ruling of the railroads. Let every one coming to the camp-meeting secure a certificate regardless of the distance you come, or the kind of ticket you buy, as we must show that there are 100 full fare tickets purchased for the occasion in order to secure the above rates.

"Educate, educate, educate." Now that we are so near the opening of the school year, may we who have intrusted to us children and youth, have before us continually the above words. May we heed the Spirit's pleading to educate our children for the Master's service. It means sacrifice and hard work, but the sacrifice is nothing compared to the loss of these dear souls, as we see them ensnared by the cunning devices and alluring pleasures of the evil one, much of which has its starting point in the school today.

* * *

Jacksonville Florida

It has been some time since I have reported to this paper, but I assure the brethren and sisters that I am not asleep, but busy at work. I am of good courage and enjoying many blessings of the Lord. After having attended the General Conference and visiting my old home and friends in Pennsylvania, I am glad to return to this field and resume my Bible work again, and be privileged to see some fruit of my labors. The interest is good, but the Lord only can tell what the harvest will be. Two have taken a stand for the truth, and others are interested.

The church here is being blessed, and at work in spreading the printed page, calls are coming from different ones for Bible readings.

I am glad that the time is drawing near for our camp-meeting to be held at Orlando. Let us pray much for this meeting that we may receive some drops of the Latter Rain in our gathering there.

Many of the brethren and sisters here are planning to attend. No one can afford to miss it.

Hope that all in state of Florida my attended the meeting to received a blessing. Hoping to meet many of you there, I am, Your brother in Christ.

Wm. K. ACHENBACH.

* * *

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of V. O. Cole until further notice will be Graysville, Tenn. instead of Riceville.

The advancement made by the Sabbath schools in our conference is encouraging. The steady growth in the offerings places us at the head of our sister conferences in amount of offerings, and we have nearly reached the goal, letting what we give remain in the treasury for the mission field. The last two quarters there has been expense items of less than three dollars. One brother at the Bartow convention felt so good to think that we had so early reached the goal and yet, felt so badly think we have not quite overcome that he resolved not to let our Conference present a report this quarter with an expense item, but pay the expense, if any, himself. While we heartily appreciate this and enjoy the pleasure of sending our report this quarter with all our offerings missions, let us consider how it came to be so and resolve that another quarter our report will be without an expense item, and that it will be done by the faithfulness of each school in doing all.

The part the children took in the program added much to the success and interest of the meetings, especially at Gainesville where we have a goodly number of children and youth. The interest and pains that had been taken by the older members in preparation of this part of the program was amply rewarded in a very interesting service consisting of children's exercises. When the older ones are interested the children are sure to be.

The hospitality and free entertainment given by the dear brethren and sisters at all three of the conventions added to the pleasantness of the occasions. The meeting together strengthened and encouraged. While we studied the best way of carrying forward this work and received many new thoughts, yet this was not all. The Spirit of the Lord came in and brought blessings and the testimony in general was, "It is good to be here."

Mrs. R. G. SRINGER,
State Sabbath School Secretary.

* * *

HEALTH FOODS

Malted Nuts Free

We are getting many encouraging letters here is a sample: "Flods received O. K. 15th st. We are well, very well, pleased with all them, and having used all the "Health Foods" for some years, will say, I believe yours equal the best, and your prices enable us poor folk use them. Wish you all kinds of success. Look for an order from us in the very near future."

Signed JAMES PRICE,
Comanche, Iowa.

The Southern Union Conference is not operating this factory to make money, just simply to supply you with these foods. To come out even in running expenses at these low prices, we must do a large business, and we need your orders and your help. We are glad to report that the factory is running full time, and we must keep it going that way.

After experimenting for some time, we have just succeeded in producing an excellent grade of Malted Nuts. As an inducement for you to

send your order at once, we will put in a 2-lb. can free with your \$5.00 order, or 4-lbs with your \$10.00 order, provided you send it before September 25, and mention the Malted Nuts. The freight on a \$10.00 shipment will be no more than on a \$5.00 lot.

We claim there are no better foods made in this country than this factory is turning out. Your request by postal will bring price list,
NASHVILLE SANITARIUM - FOOD FACTORY.

Nashville, Tenn.

* * *

GEORGIA ITEMS

The recent campmeeting was probably the largest in the history of the conference. Let us try to make the next even better.

Brother and sister Manous write that they are nicely located in their new field of labor at Cartersville where they will engage in Bible work and follow up the at Calhoun and other places.

The writer in company with his brother began a tent meeting at Tifton immediately after camp-meeting. The attendance has been good from the first. Last night the tent was overflowed. Quite a few stood around on the outside. The canvassers have done a good work in this vicinity. A gentleman invited me to call at his store saying that he had something he wished to show me. I called and he handed me Bible Foot Lights saying that was the best book he ever read and that our literature was scattered all over the country and was having a telling effect for good. Canvassers, be of good courage.

Elder Shadel reports a growing interest in Savannah. We will begin tent work there about the 15th of September.

Elder Green made a visit to Brunswick recently and baptized several. Owing to the illness of brother Dent we shall not be able to conduct tent meetings for the colored people as we had hoped to do until perhaps in the spring.

The Alpharetta school property has been agreeably deeded to the conference and we hope to see a good intermediate school there soon. We would be glad to correspond with any one who has a burden to engage in this line of work. Sufficient land can be had for the industrial department.

C. B. STEPHENSON.

* * *

SOUTH CAROLINA

The camp-meeting was held as per appointment at Anderson, August 5-15. Because of heavy rains preceeding the meeting, several were hindered from attending. The weather during the meeting was very nice.

Elders Westworth and Dowsett and Bro. V. O. Cole were present from the beginning. Elder Russell came Tuesday the 10th and stayed till the last day. The attendance from the city was good. The brethren in attendance were much helped and encouraged by the earnest faithful laborers of these visiting brethren.

Brother L. D. Randall came in at the last of the meeting and aided by his counsel. All left the camp full of hope and courage as far as I know.

FIELD TIDINGS

Representing the evangelical work of the Southeastern Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, comprising the Cumberland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida conferences. Published Bi-Weekly by the Southeastern Union Conference at Graysville, Tennessee. . . . Price 25 cents per year

Entered as second class matter, at the post-office at Graysville Tenn., Feb. 11, 1909, under act of Congress of March 3, 1879

M. B. VanKirk, Editor
Mrs. Mettie S. Lenker, Assistant Editor

EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTORS

W. A. Westworth Mrs. Helen, D. Dowsett
V. O. Cole L. A. Hansen

The writer was chosen to act as president and with this exception the officers of last year were reelected.

Immediately at the close of the camp-meeting, we moved to another part of the city where Elder Carey and Brother Gallion continue to hold meetings. A recent letter reports good attendance and interest.

August 22 I went to the Battle Ground and there seven persons received baptism. I am now in North Carolina arranging to move my family to our new field of labor.

T. H. JEYS.

* * *

The Interest at Cleveland, N. C.

The brethren of North Carolina will be pleased to learn that the interest in Cleveland is still good. Six souls have decided to obey and are rejoicing in the truth. Several others are deeply interested and it is expected that they will walk in the light soon. Elder R. T. Nash and Brother and Sister Church remained to follow the interest. Elder Welis assisted them a week or more and now he has gone to Walnut Cove to assist Brother W. S. Killen in following the interest created there before camp-meeting. These brethren desire our prayers that God may greatly bless in the work.

* * *

Notice to North Carolina

All tithes and offerings, including the Sabbath school donations, should be sent to the conference treasurer. M. H. Brown.

All orders for periodicals and lesson quarterlies, with cash accompanying the orders should be sent to the Missionary secretary. M. H. Brown.

Church clerk's and church treasurer's reports, also librarian's reports, should be sent to the conference secretary, M. H. Brown.

Sabbath school reports should be sent to the newly elected Sabbath school secretary, Mrs. Emma B. Rogers, High Point, N. C. Route 3.

All isolated Sabbath-Keepers who desire membership in the conference church that is soon to be organized in our conference should write the secretary, M. H. Brown

Church treasurers, and S. S. secretaries should forward money each month to the conference treasurer, M. H. Brown, Route 1, Greensboro N. C.

Please send money by draft, P. O. or Express money order. M. H. Brown.

Greensboro N. C. Route 1

* * *

LESSON PAMPHLETS

The Sabbath School Lesson Pamphlets for the last quarter of his year are now in stock at the Atlanta office of the Southern Publishing Association. All Sabbath-schools in the Southeastern Union should order from the Atlanta office; if this is not done a large number of the Lesson Pamphlets will be left on hand after the close of the quarter.

The Atlanta office has also a new catalog of Oxford bibles; ask for it if you are interested in nice new bibles. A new subscription catalog of Holman bibles will also be sent free upon request.

Address all orders to Southern Publishing Association 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga.

CANVASSING REPORT

For two Weeks, Ending Aug. 28, 1909.
Southeastern Union Conference.

Name, Book, Hrs., Ords., Value, Total, Del.

For two weeks ending Aug. 14

CUMBERLAND						
F. B. Sedore	BFL	44	45	69.00	69.00	
Fred Meister	BFL	92	30	56.00	62.25	107.50
E. D. Haskell	K	55	2	3.50	11.30	70.75
Harry Watt	BFL	87	38	55.00	59.00	
R. A. Judy	CK	77	40	40.00	45.75	25.50
C. L. Wrinkle	DR	34	14	34.50	37.10	
Mrs. A. D. Day	BFL	10	3	3.00	4.05	
C. N. Cowdrey	CK	50				19.00
Clara Meister	BFL	54	5	5.00	8.00	45.00
Bethel Skinner	BFL	48	34	35.50	52.75	1.00
Florence Whittney	DR	12	9	16.75	20.75	
J. T. Utsman	CK	10	8	8.00	10.50	
NORTH CAROLINA						
Amelia Webster	GH	22	12	36.00	36.00	
Irregular	Misc	36	7	14.25	54.05	54.80
N. H. George	GC	5	5		1.05	9.30
Mrs. J. W. Moore	CK	5	2	2.00	4.25	6.25
J. P. Allran	CK	76	30	30.00	36.00	6.00
J. W. Moore	DR	30	14	21.50	26.50	2.00
SOUTH CAROLINA						
J. B. Rise	DR	35	8	13.50	13.50	21
I. L. Carden	BFL	49	8	16.25	18.75	
Rose Lull	Misc	22				5.30
E. A. Wing	SD SP	57	74	34.00	43.40	8.90
H. B. Gallion	Misc	40	5	12.00	17.00	11.00
GEORGIA Four Week						
J. A. Suddath	DR	44	7	13.25	19.70	5.00
Mrs. R. O. Terry	Papers	5				3.00
R. O. Terry	DR	76	14	36.50	46.50	5.75
W. F. Bales	DR	76	63	189.25	190.75	1.50
C. N. Bivens	DR	38				36.80
Irving Tait	DR	60	8	21.00	24.50	4.62
Thos. Henderson papers		65				41.30
J. M. Lewis	DR	34	7	28.25	28.75	
N. A. Reiher	SD	10	11	11.00	11.00	
Mrs. O. Henderson papers						17.10
Mrs. Short	"	5	12	20.00	33.70	5.00
A. U. Cockran	DR	53			6.40	6.40
G. D. Raff	DR	85	16	46.00	47.60	
J. A. Kimmel	Misc	72	31	60.75	81.75	4.10
R. M. Carter	DR	42	12	39.00	46.25	
T. J. Highsmith	DR	18	10	32.75	32.75	
S. W. Carraer	BFL	10	10	14.00	14.00	
FLORIDA						
Girtude Lewis	BFL	15	23	24.00	24.00	
Mrs. E. B. Romans	DR	19	4	7.00	7.00	4.00
Mrs. J. W. Manous	BFL	7	6	6.00	6.65	3.10
Mrs. R. D. Youcey	Misc					7.00
Miss J. S. Jones	BFL	12	5	6.00	7.00	
Summary						
Cumberland	Total	373	271	371.25	443.70	524.25
South Carolina	Total	206	95	75.75	92.65	46.20
North Carolina	Total	178	65	106.75	157.85	78.35
Georgia	Total	678	201	520.75	577.35	120.87
Florida	Total	10	17	17.00	17.75	5.00