

# Field Tidings

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### EVERY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST A MISSIONARY

WE are living in the closing days of the History of a lost world. Soon the long night, when no man can work, will settle down upon us. Opportunities are all about us for doing faithful and earnest work for God. The sin of neglect, the failure to warn and help those about us, possibly is one of the most serious charges the Spirit of the Lord has to bring against the people of God. The constant danger is, that, as just common Seventh-day Adventists, we shall say within our own hearts "The ministers can preach, the canvassers can sell books, the periodical workers distribute the journals; but, as for me, what can I do? I should be glad to be a worker, but here I am tied up with my family, my farm, my business—surely I am excused from aggressive work for God." Such thoughts are not uncommon.

But God can use you. It matters not what your situation is, you have a place to fill in the Master's work. If you do not believe this statement, the next time you go in secret to pray, talk with your Lord about it. Fall upon your knees, and ask Him sincerely, with a contrite spirit, "Lord, is it true that you want to use me in some loving service? Is there some ministry you have suited to my capabilities, something that you have in waiting prepared for my hand to do? Is there some message you desire to send by me to some sin-sick heart." Then gather up your faith, and say, "Lord, through the power of *thy* grace, if thou wilt truly show me the thing to do, be it ever so humble, I will do it."

Jesus says, "Ye are the light." "Ye are the salt." But light shines; salt saves. Light shines where it is dark. Where light shines it is not dark. Be a light, then, to some dark soul-chamber. Angels will lead you to these hearts, if you ask God about them in earnest. Salt is not good unless *mixed* with what needs it. We can not be salt and remain aloof from sinners.

"In the visions of the night, a very impres-

sive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions [of the rich of earth], causing their instant destruction. I heard some one say, 'We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they were coming so soon.' Others, with agonized voices, said, 'You knew' Why then did you not tell us? 'We did not know.' On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken" —*Testimony Vol. 9, page 28.*

Who is this that knew that these judgments were to come *soon*, but did not tell? Can it be any other than Seventh-day Adventists? Why don't we tell them?

A while ago, a minister, passing through Washington, one Sabbath in his sermon told how at one time he moved into a double house in a certain city. The other side was empty. Not long afterward a family moved in. He remained in this locality a few months, laboring. After awhile he received an appointment elsewhere, and began moving out. When his household goods were being put on the dray, the lady came out upon the porch and after some little hesitancy, inquired "Are you not a Seventh-day Adventist minister?" He replied in the affirmative. "Well," she went on, "some time ago I heard a little regarding what you hold as truth. I heard much said against these doctrines, but a desire entered my heart to understand what was really true. I learned you were a minister, and had moved into this house. I moved in on the other side, in the hope of learning about these things; but during these three months you have not said one word to me about Bible truth. And now I see you are moving away.

The minister said it served as a severe lesson to him that he never forgot. God had blessed his efforts since in bringing three house owners into the truth. He never went into a place seeking a new location for his home without earnestly seeking God to guide him where to go that he might find *somebody* who was searching for truth. And God remarkably guided him in finding such.

This lesson is obvious. God wants us to become acquainted with our near neighbors. But custom and our own inclination often lead us to neglect these, and what little we do, we do for those father away.

"When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential working of the Lord of Hosts. The light will shine forth in clear, strong rays, and, as in the time of the apostles, many souls will turn from error to truth. The earth will be lighted with the glory of the Lord.

"Heavenly angels *have long been waiting* for human agents—the *members* of the church—to cooperate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting *for you*. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power."—*"Testimony," Vol. 9, pages 46, 47.*

Thus every true Seventh-day Adventist will become a home missionary for God.

T. E. BOWEN.

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### FLORIDA CAMP-MEETING

Through a misunderstanding as to who should report the proceedings of our conference meeting held in connection with the camp-meeting at Orlando, it has not yet appeared in the columns of this paper. Perhaps it is "better late than never" and to respond to some of the many inquiries concerning the camp-meeting we write.

This meeting, held in Orlando, the later part of October, was the largest meeting we yet have had in our conference. Over two hundred were present at the Sabbath-school. Many testified that this was the best camp-meeting they ever attended. The conference meeting was held a few days previous to the camp-meeting proper, and thus the greater portion of the business was out of the way so that greater attention could be given to the spiritual part of the meeting.

The laborers from abroad were Elders Daniels, Westworth, Dowsett, and Brother Cole. The deliberations of the conference were harmonious in every way, there not being a dissenting vote thought out the entire meeting.

Those present manifested their love and loyalty to this truth by the liberal offerings and pledges made for the furtherance of the work. Over \$1,800.00 was given in pledges and offer-

ings. \$1000.00 of this was to missions, \$250.00 of which was voted from surplus of tithe on hand. As we listened to the talks given by Elder Daniels concerning our mission work throughout the wide, wide world, it made all feel that the coming of the Lord was near at hand, and that this work is going with great power. While we see the great advancement made, and see the great work yet to be accomplished, it only inspires us to take hold with renewed zeal and courage, and to do all in our power to extend the light of this truth, so dear to us, to those, who, not even knowing the name of Jesus, are in total darkness.

The treasurer's report brought both courage and a rising of vote of thanks to the Giver all of things. During the year we had been able to surmount many obstacles. Several of the funds which had been so heavily overdrawn in the past were now all paid, and there was a financial gain of over \$2000.00. The increase of tithe over the previous year being over \$2000.00, and the increase of offerings received for missions over \$1000.00. Besides this, the conference had gained \$1000.00 in shares in the Florida sanitarium. While these figures bring forth praise and thanksgiving, we realize that they bring added responsibilities. This means more work should be done. Now that we have advanced, it means continued advancement. This work is one in which we can not collectively or individually stand still. We must "Go forward."

One day was pleasantly and profitably spent in a trip to the sanitarium grounds. All seemed to enjoy the fact that we now have, as a part of our work in this conference, a sanitarium. While the institution is only a little over a year old and has been made what it is by the sacrifice of a few, it is a source of great encouragement to note the progress made, and to know that its advantages are so greatly appreciated by all. The Medical Missionary work is the right arm of the Third Angel's Message.

While at the sanitarium, baptism was administered in the beautiful lake on the premises.

One important feature of the camp-meeting was the Youth's meeting. Before the early morning services, the young people gathered in their tent to unite in prayer and seeking God for power to overcome, and to pray for the backsliden. These early morning meetings resulted in much good. Two other services for the youth were conducted each day,—a Bible study each morning, and a devotional service in the evening.

Many good resolutions were passed at the conference meeting, but space will not permit them all in this issue. We will give more of them next week.

Mrs. R. G. STRINGER.

Secretary.

## TWO IMPORTANT PLANS

At the recent session of the Southeastern Union Conference held at Atlanta, many important resolutions were passed, and plans adopted concerning the work at home and abroad. I desire to mention two in this article.

It was unanimously decided that the Southeastern Union Conference gladly accept her proportionate share of the \$300,000.00 fund proposed by the General Conference for more thoroughly establishing the work in regions beyond. This fund is to be raised as soon as possible, working to the end of having it all in by the next session of the General Conference. In assuming this amount, we agree to raise four dollars and eighty cents per member for our entire constituency. We hope to see the major part of this fund come in this year. We therefore hope each conference official and church elder will begin at once in a definite way to raise this amount so we will not be behind with our portion. The Southeastern Union does not want to be behind in any sense.

We also voted to recommend that each member in the Union sell at least two copies, yearly, of "Ministry of Healing," for the next three years, for the relief of our sanitariums. This book has been donated by the author for this purpose, and all our people are asked to join in a continued campaign, turning in all receipts from the sale of the book, thus netting about \$1.00 per book to be used for the relief of our sanitariums.

Both of these recommendations are reasonable and easy to accomplish. We are in the time when we need to give our undivided energies to the finishing of the work. Dear brethren and sisters, let each do his part, and God will graciously bless in the result.

CHAS. THOMPSON, *President S. E. Union.*

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## TO SOUTH CAROLINA

Our canvassers Institute was opened in Woodruff, South Carolina, January 28.

A short, but excellent, Bookmen's Convention held in Atlanta, Ga., recently, revealed the fact that our canvassers are doing more, and better service throughout the Southeastern Union conference than ever before, and are now preparing to push the triumphs of the cross with added zeal this year. Our cause would make slow progress, were it not for the faithful fieldman and his book satchel. So we should all feel that it is our duty to help these men and women to get a better preparation for more efficient work. We can do this by combining with our prayers some cash with which to provide

them food and warmth during their institute work. We call upon our brethren to assist us as much as lies in their power. You will be doing a noble work thus to do, and as it really "is more blessed to give" we ask you to do what you can.

Send any amount from 25 cents up to \$10.00 or more, either to Miss Eliza Warner, Spartanburg, S. C., R. F. D. No. 5, or the writer, and you will be duly receipted for same.

H. B. GALLION, *State Agent.*

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## A LAND SLIDE IN FLORIDA

There is no cause for complaint regarding the onward march of the book work in Florida. By consulting the tabulated statement elsewhere in this issue, you will see that almost as many orders were taken as there were hours put in and that the total sales aggregate \$1446.00 while the amount delivered was \$351.60. I feel that this is excellent, when taken into account that January is always considered the dull month; also, that several of our best canvassers did not reach their territory until the last week in the month. We shall set our stakes for \$3,000.00 during February, the short month, and shall look alone to God for victory every step of the way.

As I mail this report, two more persons—one a master-artist at the book selling game, the other wholly untried, but the brightest of the bright—are packing their grip preparatory to taking passage for Florida. One will locate at Sanford, the other at Gainesville.

I am certainly of good courage, but feel my utter helplessness as never before, for the work is so great, and the message so important.

E. R. BUTTON, *Field Agent.*

Lakeland, Fla.

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## LOCKHART FLORIDA

The effort here at Lockhart will soon close. Although we have been here a longer time than is usually spent in one place, yet we feel that it has not been in vain. Several have accepted the truth and are holding on faithfully, although it is a great deal harder for them in this mill town than it is in many other places.

We believe that it is in the providence of God that a new church building has been started here, and we expect to have this ready for dedication by February 5-6. We have nearly enough money in sight now to complete it, most of which has been raised by the people of this community. It is expected that a church

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will be organized also, at the time of the dedication, and that the company at Livingston will join with the company here.

The truth has won many victories here, and some stout hearts who have long resisted it are now yielding to the claims of the message upon them. The Spirit of God has worked in connection with the meetings in a marked manner. While there has been very little opposition some will have battles to fight and will need our prayers and all the encouragement we can give them.

Let us praise God that one more light will shine amid the darkness of earth.

W. H. BRANSON.

C. V. ACHENBACH.

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It was voted by the Southeastern Union executive committee to make *Field Tidings* the organ of communication of this Union. It was also voted to make it a first-class paper and have it published weekly, fixing the subscription price at 35¢.

We earnestly solicit all our people in the Cumberland conference to subscribe to the paper in order that we may connect with you through it's pages and all together keep in touch with the progress of the work in the conference.

P. G. STANLEY.

## NORTH CAROLINA NOTICE

It seems necessary to postpone the canvassers Institute that was to be held at Hildebran N. C., February 10-18. Our Field Agent has undergone a slight surgical operation, and he will not be able to do full work for a time.

I am glad this need not be a disappointment to our canvassers, as they are doing well, and can look forward to a more convenient time for it. Possibly it will be held in conjunction with the camp-meeting.

G. W. WELLS,

President.

## SOUTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE

Canvassers Institute opens to-day, Jan. 28. Brother V. O. Cole and H. B. Gallion are in charge. Elder T. H. Jeys is teaching Bible. Good spirit is present. W. C. Bahn furnishes the home, fuel, etc and his wife and daughters are cooking for the Institute. Institute closes, February 5. All are of good courage.

T. H. JEYS.

## Papers Wanted

Charles P. Whitford, Miami, Florida, desires post paid, clean copies of the Watchman, Signs, Review, Instructor, and tracts for free distribution in connection with a tent meeting and Bible work.

WANTED—A good Seventh-day Adventist man to work on farm. Six miles from Graysville. House furnished. Church and church-school privileges.

Address, JAMES GLENN, Graysville, Tenn.

## ADDRESS

The address of J. W. Manns is Box 141, Orlando, Fla.

## OBITUARY

HUGHES—William D. Hughes was born near Gainesville, Georgia, November, 9, 1874, and died November 23, 1909, at his home in Gainesville. Age thirty-five years. Tuberculosis was the immediate cause of his death. Brother Hughes was a faithful young man, having embraced the truth fifteen years ago, and when he gave himself to the Lord, he gave his all for service, and he was faithful until death. We are sure that he sleeps in Jesus. William leaves to mourn, a loving father and mother and two brothers, besides other relatives and a host of friends. We buried him at Gainesville. Words of comfort being spoken by the writer at the home of his parents.

## ATHENS TENNESSEE

The Sabbath after our return from the Union Conference, we made our first effort to lift on the \$300,000 fund. Our attendance was small, yet we received pledges to the amount of \$35.00, and from the number yet to be waited upon, we hope to pass the fifty dollar mark. The work here is, onward, and all are of good courage. H. LESLEY SHOUP.

## CANVASSING REPORT

## Southeastern Union Conference.

For two weeks, ending Jan. 25.

Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Val.,	Total,	Del.
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>						
R. L. Underwood	DR	103	64	\$177.00	\$195.50	\$25.75
G. L. Kerley	DR	90	13	33.75	36.25	19.50
M. L. Branch	DR	50	18	36.50	37.50	1.00
W. E. Lanier	CK	108	64	89.50	94.00	9.00
J. P. Allran	CK	95	68	68.00	77.45	9.45
O. R. Steed	CK	56	15	15.00	19.50	4.50
A. W. Spaulding	CK	16	15	15.00	15.85	45.85
I. J. Hall	CK	3	2	2.00	3.00	1.50
Irregular	Misc	10	1	2.75	10.20	7.45
<b>CUMBERLAND</b>						
E. D. Haskell	CK	80	14	15.25	52.45	12.05
R. A. Judy	PPF	28	15	23.50		
Mrs. E. Carr	CK	50	6	7.00	1.25	35.75
G. E. Green	P of J	20	4	8.00	8.00	
Mrs. A. D. Day	BFL	30	10	10.00	11.25	4.00
R. A. Judy	BFL	75	25	33.50	45.50	6.00
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>						
R. H. Gilman	GC	74	21	52.25	56.50	5.60
G. B. Case	DR	89	25	50.00	52.50	3.50
J. B. Rise	DR	57	6	11.75	19.75	18.50
Rose Lull	BFL	31	3	3.00	6.00	.50
Caroline Miller	Misc	45	2	2.00	3.25	4.40
J. C. Crichlow	SP	7	2	4.00	4.00	
<b>FLORIDA</b>						
Mrs. E. R. Button	PPF	69	58	40.50	57.25	49.65
W. A. Morris	PG	4	4	12.00	12.75	32.00
Mrs. J. W. Manns	BFL	22	18	19.00	22.25	7.00
Lynda German	DR	2	2	5.75	5.75	5.75
Hattie Reed	BFL	48	33	45.00	47.25	6.00
I. J. Monford	BFL	5	6	6.00	6.00	6.00
J. E. Baker	CK	138	119	169.00	189.00	109.85
Mrs. T. J. Adams	CK	10	7	8.50	8.50	1.50
E. B. Romans	BFL	19	7	6.75	6.75	
Mrs. M. M. Cooke	PPF	20	15	38.00	38.00	10.00
J. H. Cooke	PPF	30	12	30.00	30.00	10.00
S. T. Page	PPF	124	150	256.00	269.00	
Mary J. Manns	Mis	18	14	3.50	4.00	7.25
C. D. Wolff	Mis	209	85	261.00	261.00	100.75
G. S. Vreeland	GC	47	34	86.75	155.00	3.50
M. S. Baldwin	PPF	37	67	164.55	164.55	2.35
C. E. Soper	PPF	46	38	82.25	85.50	
J. I. Sopher	PPF	15	13	27.25	29.25	
J. M. Boyce	PPF	12	19	40.00	53.70	

## Summary

	Total	541	282	239.50	490.25	124.50
North Carolina	Total	303	59	123.50	142.00	32.50
South Carolina	Total	208	74	73.75	113.45	51.80
Cumberland	Total	895	801	1,302.30	1,445.00	351.60
Florida	Total					