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RECENT WORD FROM PORTUGAL

Greetings from the Portuguese Republic. Am sending in an article. Am impressed that some quick moves should be made to go into the open door. Africa opens up, too. Send us on a man who will study the language and then go on to Angola. I want a large tent, too, and more help to man the ship.

Still hope that Paul Meyer, of Switzerland, will come. Jose Abella (who was to go to Algeria) received orders to await further word. Wish both could help here.

Perhaps you read in the Associated Press the telegrams from Alfonsa Costa, Minister of Justice. I once had a conversation with him, and know he will with his government, carry out the plan of banishing the Jesuits, separating church and state, and giving liberty of conscience.

Would you make known my desire in these calls? Enter Portuguese Africa, a large tent, and more help. Right now!

I will also write to Elder Tieche, and speak to Brother Conradi when he stops here on his way to South America on the 18th of this month.

I am of good courage. No meetings this past week, and none next week, though all is quiet. It is astonishing how well the people adapt themselves to the new situation.

Such a difference between "before and after". Before all faces were stern, rigid, and apprehensive. After, all relaxed, tears of joy, confidence, patience. The soldiers say, "If you please to move on;" instead of, "Get out of here, you —!"

Well, I am writing a whole lot now, so will just say, Remember in us your prayers and plans, and close. Your brother,

C. F. RENTFRO.

Had to write Brother Rentfro the Mission Board had had to cancel all hopes of additional help this year to any field, as the treasury has been empty for weeks. W. A. SPICER.

CUMBERLAND ITEMS

Elder Shoup sends encouraging reports of the progress of the work in Johnson City. A neat hall has been secured for the Sabbath and Sunday evening services.

Elder Williams and wife report two new Sabbath-keepers at Englewood, with others deeply interested as the result of recent labor there in connection with their work in Athens.

Elder J. B. Locken is rejoicing that the Lord called him to this field, he reports that he has his hands full in holding Bible studies with the people, and various openings to preach the message.

Our conference laborers are requested to be prompt in sending in their monthly reports at the close of each month.

Elder W. W. Williams and Wife are visiting friends in Corydon Pa. for a few weeks. Elder Sharp and wife are following up their work in Athens and Englewood while they are gone.

Chas. Harris the Elder of the Misson Ridge church has sold his house and is moving to Cleveland, Ohio. We are sorry to lose Brother Harris from this conference.

The colored church in Chattanooga holds the record of receiving more money on the Harvest Ingathering Campaign for 1909, then any church in the conference, the amount was \$37.39.

Our books show for the past ten months that there are four churches in our conference that have paid in their full quoto to missions, the churches are Graysville, Chattanooga, (colored,) Athens and Toco.

The Cumberland conference is short \$226.16 to November 1st, on our quoto to Missions, let all our churches take hold in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign this month and send in their donations to help us out.

All our church treasurers are requested to be faithful in the collection of tithes and offerings,

sending same to our conference office the first Monday following the last Sabbath in each month.

Interesting experiences are being reported by those engaged in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. A young sister secured \$3.00 for fifteen papers in a short time in an office building in Chattanooga. A brother reports having secured \$5.00 by letter for one paper, let the good work go on and every church member do his duty.

Our Office has recently received a goodly number of subscriptions from the missionary secretaries of the Chattanooga and Knoxville churches, for the "Review," "Signs of the Times," and "Field Tidings."

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FLORIDA CONFERENCE MEETING

Some Resolutions Passed

The 17th Annual Session of the Florida Conference was held in Leesburg Oct., 16-20.

Among some of the important resolutions passed were the following:—

That, we, as members of the conference put forth special effort during the coming year, by visiting our neighbors, giving Bible readings, selling or giving away papers or tracts and that we will as far as possible sell our good books, and that we make an effort to bring at least one person into the truth the coming year, and if possible, induce him to attend the camp-meeting.

It was recommended that our quota on the \$300,000 fund be made up as soon as possible and sent on to the Union conference treasurer. The quota is \$5.00 a member.

As a gift of money amounting to about \$1400.00 has been donated to this conference for the establishment of a school or sanitarium for the colored people, it was voted that we approve of this enterprise and authorize the conference committee and Negro Mission committee to proceed with the establishment of such an institution, but to incur no indebtedness.

Whereas our Sabbath-schools need the blessed inspiration of a real burden for mission fields, while opportunities to spread the message in foreign lands are multiplying faster than the means; and as the Florida conference has already responded to the

action of the last General Conference in voting that all the regular Sabbath-school donations be given to missions by attaining to a place on the "Honor Roll."

Resolved:—That this policy be continued and urge that no school permit a lowering of the standard by the use of any of the regular Sabbath-school donations for any thing but mission work.

Whereas, at our conference last year a fund of \$1000 was voted to be raised for additional equipment for our sanitarium, and,

Whereas, only about \$400 has been realized, therefore,

Resolved:—That we put forth special effort to raise \$150 per quarter until the whole sum is made up.

Whereas, the General Conference has recommended a wide circulation of the book "Ministry of Healing" on account of the great good that can be accomplished through the circulation of this most excellent book and since the proceeds will be used for the relief of our sanitariums and the medical missionary work, therefore,

Resolved:—That we, the constituency of the Florida conference will, as soon as possible, arrange to enter upon this campaign in harmony with the following plan:—

(a) Secure one copy of "Ministry of Healing," paying cash for the same.

(b) Use this copy as a sample from which to take orders until the full quota of six books is disposed of.

(c) As soon as any book is delivered, the money received from its sale to be forwarded immediately to the conference treasurer, the conference treasurer in turn forwarding the money to the Union treasurer.

(d) That the five copies of "Life and Health" be taken and sold as soon as possible and this work continued until the full fifteen copies are sold and the money therefrom sent in.

(e) That the medical secretary, state missionary agent, and ministers, consider this campaign work as part of their responsibilities and do what they can for its furtherance.

(f) That local church elders be asked to keep the work prominently before their churches until each member has done his part or until the church as a church has completed its full quota.

Whereas, at the sixth meeting of the fifteenth annual session of the Florida conference held at Palatka, the delegates approved the starting

of a sanitarium at Orlando, and called upon the executive committee to secure for the Florida Conference Association capital stock in the Florida Sanitarium and Benevolent Association, and,

Whereas, more than two-thirds of the entire issue of stock is now vested in our conference association, and experience has shown that such institutions should be entirely owned and controlled by our conference organizations, and,

Whereas, the prosperity attending the Florida Sanitarium and the good accomplished already by it have demonstrated the move to be of God.

Therefore, be it resolved:—That we at once take steps for the purchase of the remaining private shares of capital stock of the said institution, thus completely vesting its title in our conference.

Whereas, in the providence of God, our conference sanitarium, though still in its infancy, has already been a blessing in our state, both in the healing of the sick and in fruitful evangelistic effort, therefore,

Resolved:—(a) That we give our influence and sympathy to the Florida Sanitarium in calling the attention of inquiring sick ones in our midst to the institution, and in praying that divine wisdom and skill be given to its managers and helpers.

(b) That we call the attention of our youth of both sexes to the opportunity now offered to young people to be trained for usefulness in the cause of God, in the Nurse's Training School conducted by the Florida Sanitarium, and urge them prayerfully to consider their own duty in the matter.

The plan of continuing to hold Sabbath-schools and Young Peoples' conventions the coming year as might be arranged by the committee was recommended.

As a teachers' institute was conducted the past summer with gratifying results, it was resolved that a similar institute be held this coming summer at such time and place as may be arranged by the executive committee.

As our school work is now more systematized and there is need of a higher standard of education, it was, by vote, recommended that at the proper time all of our teachers be required to pass a regular examination, receiving a teacher's certificate. It was also voted that all applications for teachers be made through the educational secretary, together with a definite proposition as to salary, fare, etc.

It was resolved that we request those who have a burden to open institutions which shall profit by denominational influence, to confer with the conference officers before taking initiative steps.

The needs of the Fort Ogden school were heartily considered and pledges and donations made with which to better equip the school.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, R. W. Parmele; Secretary and Treasurer of Conference, and Missionary Department, Mrs. R. G. Stringer; Religious Liberty Secretary, Walter L. Bird; Secretary of Educational and Young People's Work, LeRoy T. Crisler; Medical Missionary Secretary, Dr. J. E. Caldwell; Missionary Field Agent, Allen Walker; Sabbath-school Secretary and Office Assistant, Mrs. LeRoy T. Crisler; Executive Committee, R. W. Parmele, LeRoy T. Crisler, W. L. Bird, W. H. Hall, H. A. Shreve.

Florida Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, R. W. Parmele (President), W. H. Hall (Secretary and Treasurer); Trustees, R. W. Parmele, W. H. Hall, LeRoy T. Crisler.

Executive Committee for Negro Mission Department of Florida Conference, R. W. Parmele, LeRoy T. Crisler, J. W. Manns,

Florida Sanitarium and Benevolent Association; Trustees, R. W. Parmele (president), Chas. Thompson, R. T. Dowsett, H. A. Shreve, LeRoy T. Crisler, C. V. Achenbach, W. H. Hall; Secretary and Treasurer, LeRoy T. Crisler.

Papers were granted to the following: Ministerial Credentials: R. W. Parmele, LeRoy T. Crisler, W. L. Bird, J. E. Caldwell. Honorary Credentials: R. G. Stringer and J. C. Mickelson. For Ordination and Credentials: W. H. Branson and C. V. Achenbach. Ministerial License: W. C. Achenbach, A. D. Gilbert, Prof. B. D. Gullet, Hugh Jones. Missionary License: Chas. P. Whitford, Mrs. R. G. Stringer, Dr. Lydia E. Parmele, Mrs. LeRoy T. Crisler, Mrs. C. V. Achenbach.

Negro Mission Department. Ministerial Credentials: J. W. Manns. Ministerial License: John Green. Missionary License: Mrs. L. P. Whetsel, Mrs. J. W. Manns, Ella Sanks, Lulu Momford, Anna Butler, Essie Palmer and Felicia Halmer.

It was also voted that it is the sense of this body that our Conference session be held in conjunction with the regular sessions of our annual camp-meeting.

Mrs. R. G. STRINGER, Sec'y.

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THE MORNING WATCH CALENDAR

October 24, 1910, the Missionary Volunteer Department sent 2150 Morning Watch Calendars to Australia. Have you procured yours? Order from your Tract Society.

Look into the lives of men who have really blessed the world. Can you find one who has not wrestled "with God in prayer?" Truly, a life of power must be a life of prayer. It is to help our young people to live lives of prayer that the Morning Watch Calendar is published from year to year. Will you not encourage them to use it. Will you not procure one for your self? Price five cents. Order from your Tract Society.

Report of Cumberland Conference Sabbath-school Department for Quarter Ending

September 30, 1910

| | Mem'ship | Total Cont. | Don. to Miss. |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Athens | 30 | \$ 6.79 | \$ 6.79 |
| Brayton | 32 | 6.30 | 6.30 |
| Charleston | 6 | | |
| Chattanooga No. 1 | 26 | 11.84 | 11.84 |
| Chattanooga No. 2 | 58 | 17.63 | 17.63 |
| Cleveland | 38 | 7.52 | 7.52 |
| Copper Ridge | 39 | 6.05 | 6.05 |
| Cove | 13 | 2.34 | 2.34 |
| Daylight | 35 | 8.97 | 8.97 |
| Dayton | 3 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| Graysville | 117 | 37.18 | 37.18 |
| Johnson City | 10 | 3.30 | 3.30 |
| Knoxville No. 1 | 13 | 3.75 | 3.75 |
| Knoxville No. 2 | 45 | 13.85 | 13.85 |
| Mission Ridge Valley | 30 | 6.92 | 6.92 |
| Ogden | 6 | 1.73 | 1.73 |
| Pikeville | 24 | | |
| Sanford | 5 | .48 | .48 |
| Spring City | 5 | 1.73 | 1.73 |
| Toco | 31 | 1.87 | 1.87 |
| State Home Department | 2 | .28 | .28 |
| Camp-meeting | | 68.89 | 68.89 |
| Total | 568 | 208.92 | 208.92 |

Mrs. METTIE S. LENNER, Sec.

OBITUARY

JESSIE ROGERS, Died at Graysville, Oct. 26, 1910, of internal hemorrhage. Miss Jessie was a bright student of 18 years. She had been in attendance at the Southern Training School for the past four years. The past summer she spent in canvassing for our literature, with excellent success. She had a bright Christian experience, and we believe was accepted as a child of God.

Services were held at the Adventist church in Graysville, conducted by Elder Sharp. The body was taken to Atlanta for final interment.

A host of students and friends sympathize with the mourners in their loss, and hope to meet her in the kingdom of God.

M. B. VanKirk

Report of the Canvassing Work in the Southeastern Union Conference for October 1910

| CONFERENCE, | AGTS, | HRS, | ORDERS, | VALUE, | DEL. |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cumberland | 15 | 1145 | 489 | \$1011.15 | \$268.85 |
| N. Carolina | 14 | 1451 | 240 | 620.75 | 2116.00 |
| Florida | 6 | 414 | 327 | 713.75 | 176.75 |
| Georgia | 13 | 801 | 174 | 383.80 | 914.00 |
| S. Carolina | 6 | 849 | 107 | 306.15 | 871.05 |
| Total | 54 | 4660 | 1337 | 3335.60 | 4346.65 |
| | 50 | 3621 | 908 | 2158.40 | 2744.51 |
| Gain for Oct. 1910 | 4 | 1039 | 429 | 1177.20 | 1602.14 |

V. O. COLE.

Georgia Conference Tithe for October, 1910

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Atlanta No. 1 | \$58.18 |
| Atlanta No. 2 | 22.80 |
| Conference Church | 83.47 |
| Dixie | 14.31 |
| Fitzgerald | 9.87 |
| Alpharetta | 16.29 |
| Gainsville | 11.63 |
| Individual | 9.85 |
| Macon No 1 | 80.82 |
| Macon No 2 | 21.62 |
| Savannah | 38.96 |
| Ty Ty | 3.10 |
| Total | 371.10 |

C. B. CLARK.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week ending Nov. 5

| Name, | Book. | Hours, | Value. | Del. |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| CUMBERLAND | | | | |
| Nora Burchard | PPF | 42 | 45.50 | |
| G. S. Vreeland | D of A | 26 | 44.00 | 1.50 |
| R. A. Judy | PPF | 32 | 17.50 | |
| G. W. Bledsoe | BFL | 10 | 7.50 | 50.00 |
| H. B. Thompson | CK | 12 | 26.50 | |
| NORTH CAROLINA | | | | |
| W. E. Lanier | GC | 28 | 2.00 | 74.50 |
| W. H. George | GC | 41 | 15.75 | 89.75 |
| J. W. Siler | GC | 40 | 30.00 | 13.00 |
| G. L. Kerley | DR | 37 | | 31.00 |
| J. P. Allran | CK | 39 | 8.50 | 112.00 |
| GEORGIA | | | | |
| Mrs. P. R. Rainwater | PPF | 7 | 20.00 | 25.00 |
| Miss E. Zook | CK | 27 | 25.35 | |
| E. E. Kurtz | PGH | 34 | | 57.00 |
| J. A. Kimmel | Misc | 25 | 13.25 | |
| J. A. Sudduth | BFL | 37 | 17.25 | 1.25 |
| B. F. Brown | BFL | 54 | 32.00 | 28.50 |
| Henry Tarver | DR&BFL | 31 | 18.75 | 25.75 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | | | | |
| F. D. Hunt | GC | 54 | | 148.90 |
| W. C. Ralm | SofD SofP | 36 | | 97.00 |
| Mrs. F. D. Hunt | PPF | 18 | 1.85 | 38.10 |
| H. Park | GC | 40 | | 31.50 |
| Mrs. H. Park | GD | 40 | | 11.00 |
| J. B. Rise | DR | 34 | 7.25 | 7.25 |
| Mrs. A. L. Manous | DR | 6 | 2.50 | 5.75 |
| Ponettie Wylie | Misc | 8 | 3.00 | |

Summary

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|--------------------|-------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| South Carolina | Total | 236 | 14.60 | 339.50 |
| Georgia | Total | 235 | 126.60 | 132.50 |
| North Carolina | Total | 175 | 56.25 | 320.25 |
| Cumberland | Total | 122 | 142.50 | 51.50 |
| Grand Total | | 768 | 339.95 | 843.75 |