

Field Tidings

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Trifles

What will it matter in a little while
That for a day
We met and gave a word, a touch, a
Smile upon the way?
What will it matter whether hearts
Were brave
And lives were true;
That you gave me the sympathy I
Crave, as I gave you?
These trifles! Can it be they make
Or mar a human life?
Are souls so lightly swayed as rushes
Are by love or strife?
Yea, yea, A look the fainting heart
May break'
Or make it whole,
And just one word if said for love's
sweet sake.
May save a soul.

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Hiding from God

God never hides from man when man is in trouble. When Adam sinned, it was not God who hid from Adam, but Adam tried to hide from God. Of course, the attempt was vain, but sin-blinded Adam could not see it. God saw it and knew it all. Adam hid himself, but God sought him. The sheep flees from the wise shepherd; the shepherd follows, that he may save the sheep.

Thus it was with the first sinner; thus it has been with every sinner since. It is man ever trying to hide his sins by self-justification or hypocrisy or hiding; it is God in tender love ever seeking the sinner to save him.

Even so, sinner, it is with us. We may think ourselves hidden from God, but he knows all about us, and he is "not far from every one of us." Acts 17:27. If we love the sin more than God, we will hide with the sin, and turn from God. With the sin will we at last be destroyed; for "the end of those things is death." But if we turn to God, show him our sins, he will look upon them, and the glory of his presence will consume the sin. Then we may hide in God. ANON.

Ministerial Institute

In harmony with a recommendation of the General Conference Committee, the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences have decided to join in holding a ministerial institute in Knoxville, Tenn., beginning Feb. 24, and continuing as long as seem advisable, probably until March 19.

The General Conference will furnish the instructors for the occasion. They will be Elders A. G. Daniels, G. B. Thompson, and Professors W. W. Prescott, and H. R. Salisbury.

The purpose of the institute is to get all our ministers and Bible workers together, and spend the time in studying the Bible and other essential points that will make us more polished and efficient laborers. It was recommended at our recent Union committee meeting, that each conference endeavor to send their entire field force to this meeting, for we expect it to be one of the most important meetings ever held in the South, in the interest of the work.

Plans are being perfected, for holding in connection with this institute a strong evangelistic effort in the city. The Cumberland conference has secured the Central Presbyterian Church located about four blocks from the Southern R. R. station on 5th avenue west, in which to hold the day meetings. This church is equipped with a basement room that will be utilized as a dining-room for those who attend. Elder Stanley will conduct this dining hall on the latest cafeteria plan thus reducing the cost of meals to the minimum.

Furnished rooms can be secured (two occupying a room) for \$1.50, to \$2.00 per week. A committee has been appointed to secure rooms, and locate the people. Elder J. B. Locken, 344 Oklahoma Ave, Knoxville Tenn., is chairman. All applications for rooms, or other accommodations

should be made to him, as soon as possible. We expect to hold our first meeting, Thursday evening, Feb. 23, and the 24th will be the first day of the institute proper.

The city hall has been secured for three nights in the week, and if possible, we will get it for each night. It is expected that we give the warning message to this city during our sojourn here; and to this end we shall expect each laborer to come with the harness on, ready to be used for service.

Please bring as many copies of "Hymns and Tunes" and "Christ in Song" as possible in order to have enough to share with strangers who may be present.

We expect Brother Royer, circulating manager of the Southern Publishing Association to be present, and superintend a systematic circulation of our message-filled literature throughout the city.

I trust every minister of the Southeastern Union Conference will plan his work so as to attend the meetings from beginning to end.

Do not forget to order your room from Elder Locken, and we assure you that all things will be ready on time.

For further information write Elder Locken or P. G. Stanley, 1217 Duncan Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

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Colored Work

There are times in the history of the work of God when certain fields demand immediate attention and prompt working.

I am fully convinced, as I read the messages that have come to us in the last fifteen years, that this is true of the work for the colored people of this country.

The reasons for this are because "elements are at work that will close the field to this message.

It would be pleasing to the enemy if he could prevent us from realizing the importance of the situation until he has had time to entirely close the work. The Lord calls upon us to take hold with renewed earnestness without delay.

The powers of hell are working with all their energy to prevent the proclamation of the last message of mercy among the colored people.

"The Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the world; and in many places it is impossible now to do the work which could have been done for the colored people in the past year."

"Most decided efforts should be made to educate and train colored young men and women to labor in the Southern States of America. Christian colored students should be preparing to give the truth to their own race.

"There is the greatest need for all kinds of missionary work in the South. Without delay workers must be prepared for this field. Our people should provide a fund for the education of men and women in the Southern States who, being accustom to the climate, can work there without endangering their health.

"Promising young men and women should be educated to become teachers. They should have the very best advantages. Schoolhouses and meetinghouses should be built in different places, and teachers employed.

"Our churches in the North, as well as in the South, should do what they can to help support the school work for the colored children. The schools already established should be faithfully maintained. The establishment of new schools will require additional funds. Let all our brethren and sisters do their part whole-heartedly to place these schools on vantage ground."—Test. Vol. 9.

Now is the time to talk courage and hope, and redouble our efforts to finish the work.

God is blessing the efforts put forth. Over three hundred accepted the truth last year. Our workers are of good courage and pressing forward to do a greater work this year.

We need the moral and financial help of all our people.

A. J. HAYSMER,
61 Lindsley Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Cumberland Items

Have you paid your pledge to the \$300,000.00 fund?

S. F. Reeder, our Field Agent, is assisting Brother Fulbright in holding a canvassers' Institute in Georgia this week.

Miss Irma Glenn, of Brayton, is visiting her sister in Chattanooga this week, and selling the magazine, "Life and Health."

At a recent meeting of the Southeastern Union Committee the time for holding our Camp-meetings was agreed upon; the date set for the Cumberland was August 24 to September 3.

Brethren Shapper and Dillard, of the Mission Ridge church, made the office a friendly visit Tuesday, and subscribed for Field Tidings and ordered tracts for missionary work.

How can our churches pay their quota to Missions each month? Answer. By faithfully taking up the First-Day-Offering, and adding this to the liberal offering from the Sabbath-school. Try it.

February 13 has been set as the date for the canvassers' institute for the Cumberland conference at Graysville. Elders Thompson, Stanley, Cole and Reeder will be present as instructors.

The Southeastern and Southern Union join in holding a ministerial institute in Knoxville, beginning February 24. The Cumberland unites with our local church in the city in making the arrangement for this important gathering.

Our office record shows that out of our entire conference membership we have only 7 subscribers for "Life and Health"; 10 for "Education"; 16 for the "Protestant"; 19 for "Liberty"; 33 for "Field Tidings;" and 88 for the "Review and Herald."

Several good letters have been received the past week from members of our conference church. We appreciate the words of good cheer and the remittances that are sent in by these faithful standard bearers; although isolated they are doing faithful work for the Master.

Those attending the ministerial institute can secure furnished rooms for \$2.00 per week, with two in a room. The delegation will be boarded by the Cumberland conference in the basement of the church in which the institute is held. Meals will be served on the cafeteria plan.

In connection with the ministerial institute to be held in Knoxville, the Cumberland conference has taken steps to bring our truth prominently before the people of the city. The Central Presbyterian Church has been rented for one month in which to hold the institute and conduct public services. The City Hall has also been secured for night services. This hall is located in the heart of the city, and will accommodate one thousand people.

The Southeastern Union Committee recently voted to issue Field Tidings in a new dress; making the subscription price twenty-five-cents a year. The paper will only be sent to actual subscribers after the first of April.

All those who have subscribed to Field Tidings at thirty-five-cents per year will have their subscription placed ahead.

All the churches in the Cumberland conference are credited with making over their quota to missions the past month, but two. These were short because of neglect to remit before our books were closed.

Our conference has made a splendid showing for missions for 1911, having \$526.90 to credit after paying January's quota.

The following is the monthly quota for each of our churches for the "Ten-cent-per-week-fund" for 1911; Athens, \$7.98; Brayton, \$9.30; Cove, \$2.57; Cleveland, \$11.94; Copper Ridge, \$5.31; Chattanooga, No. 1, \$7.06; Chattanooga, No. 2, \$15.50; Daylight, \$13.28; Graysville, \$68.63; Knoxville, No. 1, \$8.84; Knoxville, No. 2, \$19.44; Mission Ridge, \$8.84; Toco, \$6.00; Conference Church, \$3.10; Johnson City Company, \$2.64

P. G. STANLEY.

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North Carolina Notes

House bill amending the state Sunday law so as to make it a misdemeanor to work, or engage in any sport or play, on Sunday, was reported unfavorably by the committee and laid on the table.

This practically kills this bill, but we expect that others with a similar object will be introduced.

The bill prohibiting the sale of near-beer or any drink containing alcohol has been favorably reported by the committee to which it was referred, and is expected to pass the House.

GEO. M. BROWN.

Standing for the Southeastern Union Conference on the Ten-Cent-A-Week fund 1910

| | Memb., | Ann.Off., | Wkly., | Mid.-sum., | Miss., | Sab.-sch., | Har.-In., | Total, | (Should) have, | Present Standing. |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| North Carolina | 318 | 296.00 | 75.99 | 113.39 | 475.93 | 373.10 | 224.58 | 1558.99 | 1653.60 | 94.61 short |
| South Carolina | 217 | 81.69 | 82.69 | 61.08 | 63.28 | 264.41 | 217.82 | 770.97 | 1128.40 | 357.43 short |
| Florida | 525 | 363.45 | 115.59 | 221.57 | 701.37 | 1194.08 | 153.38 | 2749.44 | 2730.00 | 19.44 over |
| Cumberland | 504 | 439.88 | 181.91 | 220.99 | 1044.29 | 680.38 | 267.76 | 2835.21 | 2808.00 | 27.21 over |
| Georgia | 301 | 207.57 | 102.39 | 175.75 | 430.06 | 797.74 | 190.65 | 1904.16 | 1565.20 | 338.96 over |
| Bahama Islands | | 9.40 | | | | 34.04 | 30.00 | 73.44 | | 73.44 over |
| Total | 1901 | 1397.99 | 558.57 | 792.78 | 2714.93 | 3343.75 | 1084.19 | 9892.21 | 9885.20 | 12.31 1910 |

Amount for the Union more than 10 cents—\$7.01

The above tabulated report shows the amount of offerings that were sent on to the General Conference for missions from each conference in the Union during 1910; and the last column of the report shows the exact standing of each conference, whether they come short of making their full ten-cents per member per week or which had a surplus; and you will note that taking the report as a whole, there is a \$7.01 surplus for the Union membership counting ten cents a week for each member in the Union during 1910.

We are very thankful indeed that we are able to present such a good report, and we want to thank the dear brethren and sisters in each conference throughout the Union for the humble part which they have had in helping to make this report. 1911 is now before us and one month gone. Will the record be better for 1911 than 1910? We would be glad if each individual member in the Union in looking over the past records, if they find that they as individuals have fallen short, would endeavor to make up the deficit and

also contribute enough to average their ten-cents per week for 1911. The demands in the foreign fields are so urgent that we trust our dear brethren and sisters will gladly share in the calls of this blessed work, and we extend to each dear brother and sister in the Union conference the hearty thanks of the Union officers for the contributions received during 1910. May the Lord add to you his blessing.

R. T. DOWSETT, Secretary.

A New Editor

At the recent session of the Southeastern Union committee at Nashville, Professor T. D. Rowe was chosen to assume the responsibility of editing "Field Tidings." Because of this change, all communications intended for the paper should be addressed to him, at Graysville, Tenn.

I am sure all the patrons of the paper will be very much pleased with the appearance of the paper in its new dress. The new form will allow of at least one fourth more matter in each issue.

Personally I am very glad for the change, as my other cares make it nearly impossible for me to give much attention to the work on the paper.

As I lay off the responsibility of the paper, it is with the assurance that it will be much improved under its new conditions, and with the earnest hope that all of the brethren and sisters will cooperate to make it just what its name implies, "Tidings from the Field." M. B. VANKIRK.

Items of Interest

Brother V. O. Cole, our Union conference missionary agent is visiting relatives at Memphis, recuperat-

ing after the work of the Convention recently held in Nashville. Mrs. Cole has gone to join her husband in the visit.

Brother S. F. Reeder, the Cumberland missionary agent has gone to Macon, Georgia, to assist Brother Fulbright in a canvassers' institute which began February 1.

Elder B. W. Brown of the East Kansas conference has been called to the Kentucky conference to take the place of Elder Burrill. Elder Burrill resigned from the presidency of the Kentucky conference on account of the failing health of his wife. We welcome Elder Brown to his field of labor, and pray the Lord's blessing upon his efforts.

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Florida

The "East Coast" tent company are now located at Arch Creek to begin a series of meetings.

In the meetings, which have been held with the Miami church recently, good results were seen, although not all that we had hoped for. Eight members were added to the church, five of whom were old Sabbath-keepers who came from Canada, and who will prove a great strength to this new church. The other three have

just recently taken their stand for the truth. Four were baptized during our stay there.

Now we are about to begin in a new field and hope for good results.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of our people in behalf of the work here. The meetings will probably begin Thursday night.

W. H. BRANSON.

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The Mission of a Good Book

"It will go anywhere, land or sea,
Gets into cabin or palace,
Reaches those otherwise unreachable,

Waits its time to be heard,
Is never tired of speaking.

"Travels further and cheaper than any other;

Is unaffected by climate, untouched by fever.

"Once started off, calls for no salary,

Costs nothing to feed or clothe.
"Never changes its voice, and lasts

Forever—until the fire comes." Selected.

The Canvasser

The following are some things that

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eminent men have said regarding the canvasser and good books:

"I always feel like tipping my hat to the book-agent."—Talmage.

"The greatest public benefactor is the man who sells good books"

—Gladstone.

"There is no calling, no occupation, more honorable or beneficial."

—Spurgeon.

"Show me the man that reads good books, and I will show you the man that moves the world."—Napoleon.

"When I was a boy my mother was very poor, but she was never too poor to buy her boy a good book; and to this more than anything else, I owe my success in life."—Clay.

"A dollar in the head is worth five in the pocket, and you might say fifty on the back; because that in the pocket will get out, that on the back, wear out; but that in the head grows sharper by constant use."

—Franklin.

Might we not use, carefully, some of the foregoing thoughts in our canvassing work with good results?

ARTHUR MANOUS.

Summer Flowering Bulbs

Last year the Oakwood Manual Training School raised some fine summer flowering bulbs, and now offer the following for sale.

Excelsior Double Pearl Tuberosa bulbs 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen, \$2.00 per hundred, not prepaid.

Gladoli, mixed colors, very choice, 3 cents each, 25 cents per dozen, \$1.50 per hundred, not prepaid.

Dahlias, one double mixed, with red, pink, and mixed colors, 10 cents each, 50 cents per dozen, not prepaid.

Cannas, a choice bedding plant, mostly red, 10 cents each, 75 cents per dozen, not prepaid.

Caladiums (Elephant's Ear), a fine foliage plant for the lawn, 10 cents each, 75 cents per dozen, not prepaid.

Transportation on the above prepaid unless otherwise specified. Orders for one half dozen will be filled at the dozen rate, and for fifty at the hundred rate.

All the above bulbs are flowering size, and should be planted in the spring. Your orders will benefit the school.

We publish a descriptive price-list of these flowers and shall be glad to send it upon request.

W. J. BLAKE.

Huntsville, Ala.

Southern Training School

Since returning to the Southern Training School to continue a course of study, I have often wondered if many of the young people of the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences are acquainted with the advantages offered by this institution.

One of the most important elements of this school is the Christian influence that prevails among the teachers and students.

This has created within me a desire to have a part in the closing message. But before efficient service can be rendered, I realize that a preparation is needed,—a preparation not derived from books; but that which will give one the practical knowledge so necessary in rightly representing the truth. I find this school well qualified to give this training, as it is conducted by competent, Christian teachers,—teachers who realize their responsibility, and whose sole aim and interest is the proper training of those in their charge.

The instruction given me in all my studies is practical and definite. In my Bible class, I not only learn the principles of truth, but also how to present these in an intelligent manner; and in rhetoric I receive the training that will enable me to produce these principles in writing. The same method of instruction is given in my other studies.

Practical work in printing, proof-reading, carpentry, blacksmithing, etc. is given. To my mind no edu-

cation is complete without a knowledge of manual labor.

A few weeks before school closes, we canvassers receive special training before returning to our field of labor. This instruction is given by capable and experienced workers.

As a student of this institution, I am well satisfied with the training received, and hope to return again next year. WALTER A. NELSON.

Disappointment

We are disappointed in not getting the new heading for the "Field Tidings," but trust that it will be ready for the next issue.

A New Song

Brother C. P. Whitford who has for many years been connected with the Adventist people as a singing evangelist and Bible worker, has recently published a beautiful song entitled, "The Sea of Life."

The melody is excellent, and the words are rich in spiritual thought, and inspiring in true sentiment.

The title page contains brother Whitford's portrait, also the words of a new song entitled,

"It was you who invited me here." The 3rd & 4th pages contain a Bible Reading, entitled,

"The secret of a happy life." 25 cents will secure the entire set. Remit by post-office money order. Address C. P. Whitford, Arch Creek Dade Co., Fla.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference
for week ending Jan., 21.

| Name | Hrs., | Value, | Del. |
|-------------------|-------|--------|------|
| NORTH CAROLINA | | | |
| W. E. Lanier | 39 | 71.25 | |
| R. L. Underwood | 40 | 70.25 | 6.25 |
| Robert Treible | 32 | 37.00 | |
| J. W. Siler | 46 | 59.75 | 4.25 |
| J. P. Allran | 37 | 48.75 | 8.75 |
| J. Husband | 23 | 21.00 | |
| Mrs. E. A. Wing | 19 | 4.75 | 4.25 |
| CUMBERLAND | | | |
| Mrs. J. D. Finley | 27 | 20.75 | 1.75 |
| J. D. Finley | 27 | 21.00 | 1.25 |
| Fred Meister | 61 | 53.65 | 1.50 |
| W. Kirkham | 73 | 38.65 | 4.50 |
| J. W. Purvis | 15 | 9.65 | 2.50 |

Summary

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| Cumberland Total | 203 | 140.70 | 10.55 |
| N. Carolina Total | 240 | 312.75 | 23.50 |
| Grand Total | 443 | 453.45 | 34.05 |