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Recent Word from India

Just a few weeks ago it was my pleasure to receive a personal letter from Elder J. S. James, who is in charge of the work among the Tamil speaking people in South India. Associated with Brother James is a member of our class of 1907-08, Elder G. G. Lowery, whose wife is also a graduate of this school in the class of 1904-5. Brother James describes his trip to the general meeting of the field which was held at Lucknow. Speaking of the meeting he says, "We had a very profitable general meeting. We were very glad to have with us Professor Prescott during the entire session. His Bible studies were very much appreciated by all the workers, and his counsel in our business session was very helpful. After the meeting closed he began a tour of the mission stations. I accompanied him from Lucknow to Poona and South India. He was

here four days helping us to plan for our future work the coming two years."

Shortly after Elder Prescott's visit to Brother James in Tennevalley he left for the United States, and as you all know, is now with us.

Brother James says he is trying to extend the boundary by opening a new main station and two smaller stations near by.

He says, "I think Elder Lowry is preparing to take charge of the work in the main station. He and his wife have done well in the study of the Tamil language; both passed in four months, and he passed with distinction. We hope to establish our work in this place the coming year. We are very much in need of a school building; also a small dispensary, but we are unable to go forward until we get means. I have been trying to work up some money for over a year, but have been unsuccessful thus far."

Brother James then speaks of some of the things which confront him. The fact that there is no school for his boys who are growing into manhood. Arrangements this year are that Mrs. James shall take the boys and go to Bangalor and put them in school there. But this means that Mrs. James is 600 miles away from him, and he all alone. How many of us have love enough for the truth of God to endure this sort of thing for the sake of carrying the message to the heathen? He says,

"We may be able to get along this way for the next two years. Our good people at home little realize the sacrifices many are making to work in this dark land. I never thought how far short we can come from knowing the real situation in this field until I came over here and tried to raise some money at home. It cannot be photographed or written. One must actually be on the ground and see and experience it to know."

Just last week it was my privilege to receive a very pleasant letter from Brother F. O. Raymond, a former teacher in the Southern Training School. Brother Raymond has a little boy, Ralph, who is with us in school. He has left him here and arranged for him to get his education, rather than take him to India. Brother Raymond is located at 75 Park St., Calcutta. Regarding his work I quote,

"I am at present canvassing in and near Madras, with the prospect of going on into Solon. As a rule I find very little interest in religious things, but there are a few sincere lovers of truth whom the canvasser has the privilege of seeking out. Our health principles are well received by the educated natives, of whom there are now millions. I am now enjoying good health, and am glad for the privilege of helping to give the message in this great empire."

Thus we see the Training School has representatives in many places. We are glad for this, dear brethren, and trust as the years come and go, our students will receive a desire to help forward this message, and that all will be in some part of the great field.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

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They That Did the King's Business, Helped the Jews

This is the translation of the Hebrew text, found in Esther 9:3, as given in the Revised Version. "And the Lord blessed the people of the realm of Medo-Persia for the help they gave to the Jews." It is evident that our work of proclaiming the gospel to all people, nations, kindred and tongues, must include the Jews.

It is true they (the Jews) have been very hard to reach with the gospel, but we must go to them with this truth, and we are sure that the Lord will impress them by his Holy Spirit to give heed to the warning message of God for these last days.

We are glad to tell the readers that we see a great change coming over the hearts of many of the Jews, and there are among them those who are inquiring for the way of life and salvation. The literature which has been prepared for them, and which in many places has been circulated, has accomplished something in breaking down the prejudices of these people, and arousing in the hearts of many the spirit of inquiry.

A great many letters are being received at the office at Concord, Mass. from Jews who have read our literature. Many of them write for more. There are many who write for New Testaments. Some of them are even asking us to send them a worker to teach the way of the Lord more perfectly. In one city the call has come to preach in their temple. This is conclusive evidence that the Lord is going before us, and is preparing the way for a great work to be done among these people.

Shall we not do our part in making it possible for their hearts to be reached? The Jews are a reading people, and in this country where at the present time there are more than two millions of them. They are quite up-to-date, and generally keep with the times. What better can we do than to place in their hands some of the messages of present truth? The "Spirit of Prophecy" has repeatedly stated that there will be many of the Jews who will take their stand for the truth; but we must give them the opportunity of knowing what real Christianity is. The only way the Jew will ever know what the religion of Jesus really is, will be by those of God's children in the third angel's message who will give it to them.

In the cities and in the larger towns all over our conferences, the Jews gather in large numbers, and a good opportunity is always presented to give them the word of God, as they can most easily be found. If the churches would just interest themselves in these people, we are sure the blessing of the Lord will attend the efforts put forth, and we shall see the salvation of God.

At the last General Conference

held at Washington, D. C., the Jewish work was placed in the Foreign Department of the General Conference, and it is the earnest desire of this department that all our people shall do what they can to bring the attention of this message to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, especially through the printed page.

The apostle says: "For as ye (Gentiles) in times past have not believed God, yet now have obtained mercy through their (Jews') unbelief: even so have these also now not believed, that through your (Gentiles') mercy they (the Jews) also may obtain mercy." Romans 11:30, 31. Here then is an opportunity for the people of God to do something to show the Jews they appreciate the gospel which the Jewish people once had, but through unbelief they have lost.

We have a good supply of literature on hand, and we will gladly send this reading matter to every one who desires the same. Send your order either to your State Tract Society, or else to "Good Tidings", Concord, Mass. If you wish to help the work along by your donations, and we need much this year to carry on the aggressive work planned, send all donations to your church or to your conference treasurer, and state that it is for the Jewish work. This will reach the General Conference treasury in due time.

Let us help the Jews. Let us ask God that his Spirit may move upon their hearts, and let us do all we can to place in their hands the message of God for these last days.

For the Jewish Department,

F. C. GILBERT.

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Florida Items

OUR Florida Tract Society has a large supply of Sabbath-school Lesson Quarterlies this quarter. Send in your orders early and they will be promptly filled.

AMONG the names of those from our conference, who attended the ministerial institute at Knoxville, as appeared in a recent issue of this paper, should have been added the name of Brother A. D. Gilbert.

ELDER Walter Bird made a pleasant call at the office last week. He has just returned from the institute,

and is on his way to visit the following churches,—Ft. Odgen, March 25, 26; St. Petersburg, April 1, 2; and Terra Ceia, April 8, 9.

ELDER R. W. Parmele is arranging for a series of four or five general meetings to be conducted by Elder Chas. Thompson and himself. The announcement of these will soon appear.

THE canvassers' institute now in session in Jacksonville, is being attended by eight bright young men and two ladies. Be sure to read the interesting reports of the canvassers as they appear in FIELD TIDINGS from week to week.

NOTWITHSTANDING the rain, about 200 assembled in the tent at Jacksonville last Sunday night to hear a sermon on Matthew 24. The following night, "Blue Monday", without any special announcement, about one hundred were out. The brethren are giving out a printed synopsis of the discourse each night. The printing is done on the new writergraph recently purchased for our conference office.

THE financial report sent out recently by the secretary of our Sabbath-school department shows the offerings from this department for quarter ending December 1910, to be \$365.06, the largest offering of any quarter in the history of our conference. All from the little offerings of each Sabbath, which as little rivulets help to swell the tide of beneficence for benighted souls. May the continuous growth of funds from the Sabbath-school department redound to the glory of the Lord in the salvation of souls.

SINCE the last report the patronage at the sanitarium has been a continuous overflow. The sanitarium, and all the neighboring cottages are still filled. Other patients are awaiting the opportunity of the first available room.

A NEW launch with gasoline engine is a new feature of the sanitarium. The value of this launch to the patients and helpers has been greatly enhanced by the cleaning out of the channel leading from Lake Estelle to the chain of lakes below. This will enable a trip of about twelve miles to be made, affording rest and comfort to the tired and suffering.

OUR new sanitarium folder with its

attractive cover is being sent to all the physicians of our state, accompanied by a letter from Dr. J. E. Caldwell, the medical superintendent, and Elder L. T. Crisler the business manager, informing the medical fraternity of our state that the treatments administered here are the same as those given by the entire sisterhood of mechano-therapeutic sanitariums scattered over the world, and include the use of water, light, electricity, massage, selected diet, etc., while the patients are under the immediate care of trained nurses. In the letter referred to, the writers say that they wish to co-operate with their fellow medical laborers in the good work of alleviating the sufferings of humanity. Those desiring one of the new sanitarium folders or further information concerning the work of the institution, may address the medical superintendent, Dr. J. E. Caldwell, or the business manager, Elder L. T. Crisler, Drawer 28, Orlando, Fla.

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North Carolina Items

THOSE in attendance at the canvassers' institute were greatly encouraged by the presence of Elders A. G. Daniells and G. B. Thompson, the closing day of the institute. The inspiring talks given by these experienced laborers will long be remembered.

ELDER Stanley Scott who has been laboring in the South Carolina Conference has been recommended to take up work in our conference. The conference committee is planning a strong effort for the colored people under the direction of Elder Scott, assisted by Elder Shepard and others.

As the canvassers have now entered upon their active work, we hope that the friends of the cause will pray daily that God will go before them and prepare the hearts of the people to buy the books.

BROTHER M. C. Creasey has been meeting with excellent success selling "Family Bible Teacher" and "Gospel Primer" in Greensboro. He has met with many people who are waiting anxiously for the public presentation of the message. One elderly gentleman, a Methodist preacher, has begun the observance of the Sabbath from Bible study alone, without

knowing of our people. Everything indicates that the time has come for a strong effort in Greensboro.

ELDER R. T. Nash has united with Brother Killen in a special effort at High Point with a view of preparing the company there for organization. Later he will visit Lexington again.

We are glad to note that a number of our young sisters have taken up the magazine work, and are meeting with encouraging success.

THE church-school at Greensboro has been a great blessing to the children and youth of the church, and all feel that it has been a real success. It is to be hoped that the number of church-schools in our conference will be greatly increased.

THE Kernersville church has bought a lot, and will soon begin the erection of a church and school building.

ELDER Shireman has been suffering from a very painful injury to his arm, caused by a fall. We are glad that the last report indicates a decided improvement in his condition.

HAVE you seen the new "Temperance Instructor"? It is artistic in appearance, brimful of splendid temperance truth. Order some, and help push the circulation of this important number. Order of the Tract Society Secretary.

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South Carolina

On account of pressure in the home field, I left our good institute at Knoxville, March 12, two days before the close. Since then I have visited Greer, Greenville, Columbia, and Union; at each place making a brief stay. My longest stop was at Columbia. I stayed here three days, preached six sermons, and organized on March 18, a church of fifty. These are the result of nearly two years of labor of Elder Scott and his company. They have worked diligently and earnestly, and God has blessed the efforts put forth. Elder Scott is now to leave for his new field in North Carolina; and as he goes, the prayers of the brethren here will follow him. It is quite likely that Elder Strachan will come to follow up the interest, and I see no reason why a good strong church may not be built up here.

Columbia is a strategic point for our work among the colored people.

Here are the leading colored institutions of the state. The better class of the colored are here found. I was glad to meet some from other points, who came to attend the meetings. Arrangements were made to begin a series of meetings at Johnson, South Carolina. Elder Strachan will conduct them, assisted by Mason Jackson and others.

I made a passing call at Union where I met once more Elder Carey and family who are now making preparations to depart to their new field in Texas. Elder W. H. Branson is already on the ground to begin his work. I spent a little time with him in visiting some of our dear believers at Union. I took leave of Elder Carey and family with sadness as I thought we may never meet again on this earth. Our prayers will follow them to their new work in Texas.

We are now definitely planning for tent work for the summer, and this means that we buy the tents; but I fully believe that our brethren of South Carolina will spring to the needs of the cause, and will provide the necessary means for the purchase. We already have money enough pledged to pay for one, and hope to receive this money at once. For the second we are going to ask if there are not three men who wish to own a tent to be used in South Carolina? It will require about fifty dollars each.

Brother Branson can preach, but he has no tent. Some of our good brethren are good money makers, but cannot preach. Why not combine our talents and thus share in the harvest? Perhaps there is someone who wants to furnish a tent. If so don't be bashful, but write to me at once.

T. H. JEYS.

Campobello, S. C.

Graysville Current

BROTHER Harrison is at home for a few days' rest.

ONE of the most interesting talks given to the young people of Graysville, was given by Miss Post, Sabbath, March 25. She told us of the conversion of Mrs. Steunenberg, wife of Ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho, also of the assassination of Mr. Steunenberg.

SABBATH, March 25, the Graysville church gave seventy dollars to help Brother M. C. Sturdevant of South Africa. One of Brother Sturdevant's special needs is that of a cow, and the money given by the Graysville church, is to be used for that purpose.

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Florida Institute

AT this writing, March 27, we are in the midst of another canvassers' institute in Florida. This time it is held at Jacksonville, in connection with the tent-meetings conducted by Elder Parmele.

A few days ago, the large tent blew down. Fortunately, however, no one was hurt, although several had very narrow escapes. It seems that these storms are liable to occur in this section of country about twice a year, near the equinox. It will be several days before the tent can be pitched, but the institute continues right along, as accommodation is furnished in a private house near by.

There are twelve canvassers present, and I am told that this does not represent all the bookmen in the conference, as five or six others are at work in the field, who, for some reason could not very well attend.

This is the largest institute that I have had the privilege of attending in Florida, and it is good to see the interest each is taking in the respective classes.

Brother Allen Walker, the field agent, together with the conference committee, seem to be very earnestly laboring to push forward this branch of the work; and from the present outlook, it would seem that Florida will make another good record in book sales during 1911.

May the close of the year prove this to be true, is my earnest desire.

V. O. COLE.

The North Carolina Canvassers' Institute

MENTION has already been made about the institute held at Greensboro, March 6-16. All are agreed that God was present to bless and help in the deliberations of the insti-

tute. To the best of our knowledge, all the workers were deeply moved by the Holy Spirit, which was manifested by all re-dedicating themselves to the work of the third angel's message.

It is indeed gratifying to see how loyally the conference officials are standing by the canvassers' work, not only in moral support, but in every way they can, to make the work a success.

Mention has been made of the change made in the state agency, on account of Brother Tilden's failing health.

The prospects are bright for a good year's work in North Carolina, and we trust that 1911 shall be the banner year for the canvassing work in this conference.

We have an abundance of territory, and good territory, too. God is blessing us in North Carolina, and we are anxious that many others shall share in this blessing. Come with us, and God will do thee good.

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ALL persons living in the Southeastern Union Conference who wish to subscribe for FIELD TIDINGS, should do so through the secretary of the conference in which they live. Those living outside the Union, may write to FIELD TIDINGS direct, and have their names placed on the mailing list.

SINCE the organization of tract societies in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, everyone in these conferences except regular canvassers for books should send orders for denominational supplies to the conference office, and not to the Southern Publishing Association direct. Delays will be avoided and liability for misunderstanding lessened by the regular plan as above.

ATLANTA BRANCH,
SOUTHERN PUB. ASS'N.

Asheville, North Carolina

WE have great reason for gratitude to God for his abundant mercy. From time to time he gives us special reasons for praise. Sabbath, March 18, was one of the occasions. We had an excellent meeting, the Spirit of God came in a marked manner. It was my privilege to baptize a precious soul at the close of the service

Sister Sufficool, who has been doing faithful Bible work here for more than a year, has left us. She does not go without leaving some fruit for her service, and a large circle of friends. Sister Sufficool has been in the work for many years, and as she felt she could not do the walking necessary to carry on the work another season, and as an opening was made and a call came for her to take up work in one of our institutions in Colorado, where she could be near her daughter, she felt clear to ask the Union to release her.

G. W. WELLS.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference
for week ending Mar. 18:

Name	Hrs.	Val.	Del.
CUMBERLAND			
L. D. Wright	40	17.50	
R. A. Judy	48	58.25	
E. D. Haskell	45	16.20	4.50
Fred Meister	43	43.00	
T. G. Walker	25	12.25	.75
C. M. Cochran	25	19.25	2.75
W. E. West	40	9.75	1.25
J. W. Purvis	42	19.50	
J. C. Aust	38	24.75	.25
GEORGIA			
W. H. Tarver	10	6.00	2.75
M. J. Weber	29	46.30	2.00
R. M. Carter	45	92.90	
Miss E. Zook	6	6.80	
J. M. Lewis	41	101.25	4.25
E. E. Kurtz	14	49.75	.75
SOUTH CAROLINA			
G. B. Case	37	13.5	1.00
Mrs. H. Park	32	14.00	1.50
Miss Bertha Rahn	31	15.50	1.00
M. S. Grim	31	9.20	11.95
J. B. Rice	30	10.25	7.50
Mrs. E. S. Calvert	15	2.25	9.00
W. H. Armstrong	9	8.00	2.50
FLORIDA			
Hattie Reed	23	23.85	17.75
J. J. Jobe	35	5.85	104.85
Bertha Graham	18	20.25	3.00
Allen Walker	3	16.50	
Gracia Hunter		25.00	12.00
Anna Orr	16	35.25	35.00
F. M. Haegart	16	18.25	25.00
F. W. Gotts	21	49.50	
Chas. Dyer	15	59.00	49.50
Summary			
Cumberland Total	346	226.50	9.50
S. Carolina Total	495	72.20	34.45
Georgia Total	475	303.00	9.75
Florida Total	138	253.45	247.10
Grand Total	854	849.15	300.80