

FIELD TIDINGS

"GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS"

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The Fields are White

O, LISTEN to the pleading
From far-off darkened lands.
How can ye tarry longer
With idle folded hands?

The Master looks with anguish
Upon His wasting grain.
O, haste to do His bidding,
Nor longer give Him pain.

The wage of earnest toilers,
Will surely be repaid;
When at His pierced feet
The precious sheaf is laid.

The sweetest words "My child,
well done,"
Will all the toil repay,
When with our blessed Saviour
We enter endless day.

—Selected.

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Huntsville Institute

THIS institute is being held under the auspices of the North American Negro Department, for the ministers and Bible workers of the department in the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences.

The work of the institute began on the evening of March 23, and will continue until April 12. About thirty workers are present, and five sessions are held daily. All seem to be present for a definite purpose, and as we study the Word, and seek God for the presence of His Holy Spirit, we are experiencing that "He is faithful that promised."

Elder A. J. Haysmer, superintendent of the department, is being assisted in giving instructions by Elder K. C. Russell, secretary of the Re-

ligious Liberty Department of the General Conference; Elder C. F. McVagh, president of the Southern Union Conference; Elder C. P. Bollman, editor of the *Sentinel*, and associate editor of *The Watchman*, and the writer, Elder M. C. Strachan has charge of the opening exercises, and leads in the singing.

The meetings are held in the chape of the Oakwood School, and many students have the benefit of the Bible studies.

In connection with the privilege of attending the institute, I count it a personal pleasure to meet with the Oakwood Manual Training School, and become acquainted with the students who are here fitting themselves for the Master.

I consider the spiritual atmosphere of this school first class, and may the Lord bless it, is my earnest prayer.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

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How Success is Won

ALL who have ever made success in the canvassing work or any other worthy calling, have followed the same principle, namely, that of perseverance and that everlastingly. Open the Bible and see what the wise man has said on this point in Eccl. 11:1-6.

It is said of President Garfield that he hungered for an education so much that he studied "his open book as he drove the mules along the tedious path of the Erie Canal."

Of the great inventor, Edison, when developing his automatic telegraphy, it is said that he "sat with a pile of chemistries and chemical books that were five feet high when

they stood on the floor, and laid one upon the other. He had ordered them from New York, London, and Paris. He studied them night and day. He ate at the desk, and slept in the chair."

—*How Success is Won*, page 192.

Of Benjamin Franklin, the vegetarian, we read: "Meeting with a book on vegetarianism, Franklin determined to give the system a trial. This led to some inconvenience in his brother's housekeeping (with whom he was boarding), so Franklin proposed to board himself if his brother would give him half the sum he paid for his board. Out of this he was able to save a considerable amount for the purpose of buying books. Moreover, the time required for his meals was now so short that the dinner-hour afforded considerable leisure for reading."

—*Illustrious Americans*, page 60.

A. L. MANOUS.

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The Ten-Cent-a-Week Fund

IN another part of this issue of *FIELD TIDINGS* you will find a report of the Ten-cent-a-week Fund for the Southeastern Union Conference for the first three months of 1911. We have not been reporting these funds quarterly in this paper, but to the presidents and secretaries of the different conferences in the Union each month; but the report looked so good, we could not refrain from passing it on at this time to all our brethren and sisters in our Union.

You will notice that we have not only as a conference paid ten cents per member per week, but \$868 or more than that during this time,

and do we not all wish that it was even \$1,000? There, that is the way with human nature; we are never satisfied. But listen, if the 1992 members of the Union had given only a half-cent more each week, we would have made it, or if we had done more faithful service with the Harvest Ingathering *Review* with our neighbors and friends, we would have more than made it.

By the way, perhaps you have left a paper where the party asked you to call later. Try to be faithful to such opportunities, for God will make it prove a blessing, not only to yourself and the cause, but to the one called on as well. If any have some of these good papers on hand, ask God to direct you to those whom they will benefit, and you will be surprised to see how the Lord "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us".

Soon the work will triumph gloriously and then, if faithful, God will welcome us into his eternal presence and with his own hand place the crowns on our heads, and give us hats of gold and palms of victory. Let us be faithful until then, for we cannot afford to miss seeing Jesus "face to face and be with him for evermore." HELEN D. DOWSETT,

Union Missionary Secretary.

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Cumberland News Notes

ELDER Stanley conducted services with the Cleveland church Sabbath, March 25, and ordained a deacon.

Up to date we have received orders for only 250 Temperance *Instructors*. Several times this number could be disposed of profitably in our conference. May we not have your order at once?

Miss Irma Glenn is selling *Life and Health* in Chattanooga. She reports excellent success in resident canvassing, and many pleasant experiences with the people at their homes.

J. L. Shuler reports large crowds and an excellent interest in his meetings at Copper Ridge. He is very hopeful that some will unite with the church. He also states that the family he is rooming with in Knoxville is on the point of deciding to keep the Sabbath.

Several hundred magazines have been sold in Chattanooga the last two weeks. Mrs. O. C. Godsmark has taken up the work in the Terminal Station, and has been given exclusive right to sell our magazines in this station.

Elder J. B. Locken reports three additions to the Knoxville church for last month; also a number of yearly subscriptions for the *Protestant Magazine* from ministers in the city.

Elder Stanley has organized a band of magazine workers from the children of the Chattanooga Sabbath-school. They are taking hold of this work with interest and are meeting with splendid success.

R. M. Booth, our Spanish brother, has sold a goodly number of magazines in Chattanooga the past week. He has left at our office some interesting cases who desire further reading of our literature.

Mrs. J. B. Locken, the librarian of the Knoxville church, is planning to organize her forces and take up the magazine work in their city. Splendid opportunities are now open to our people to sell the printed page.

In looking over the pledges that were made at our camp-meeting we find that \$406. was pledged to the Foreign Mission Fund. All of this amount has been paid save \$177.25. Pledges to the "Tent and Camp-meeting Fund" amounted to \$595. There is still unpaid of this amount \$421.

Our tithe last quarter has been quite short, not sufficient to meet our pay roll. Let all our people be faithful in rendering to the Lord His own that we may properly carry forward the work.

It was recommended at our camp-meeting that we purchase a camp-meeting pavilion. Prices have been received from two leading firms on a 60x80 pavilion for \$440. and \$450. We desire to let the contract soon for the making of this tent. Who will pay their pledge, and thus help us in meeting this obligation?

We appreciate the orders that come to our office for periodicals and magazines, but we are obliged to ask that you remit cash with your order. The Cumberland Conference office desires to do a cash business. We have no way of paying for our bills only as you pay us; therefore, let all

our churches and people take notice, and send cash with order.

Another issue of the special *Signs Weekly* will commence with the ninth of May number. A special message for these very days will be found in these papers. Soon the free circulation of our literature will be questioned and restricted. Now is the time to scatter the printed pages like the leaves of autumn. Order blanks with full particulars have been mailed to each librarian.

Elder K. C. Russell of Washington D. C., will, on his return from the Huntsville Institute, spend Sabbath the 15th at Graysville and hold two important meetings. The churches at Brayton and Cove are invited to attend these meetings.

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South Carolina Items

ALL who attended the Church Officers' Institute at Spartanburg, March 24-26, seemed to enjoy the meetings, and we believe have returned to their homes determined to put into practice the many good things that were learned. The following were present at all the meetings: Battle Ground—M. B. Scruggs, J. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Calvert; Campobello Church—A. A. Johnson, F. N. Bartholomew and daughters, Misses Bertha and Gladys, Misses Ada and Ida Acker, Mrs. L. A. Tinsley, Dexter Jones, George and Earl Jeys; Cherokee Church—J. M. Swofford, G. F. Turner, W. K. Turner, Miss Goldie Baldwin; Greenville Church—Mrs. R. L. Miller, Frank and Miss Carrie Miller, Mrs. L. C. Jarnigan. Miss Elizabeth McHugh of Anderson and W. P. Darnell of Woodruff, members of the Spartanburg church, were also present.

Mrs. A. C. Tinsley of the Spartanburg church, but who is in Shuqualak, Mississippi at present, writes of one lady keeping the Sabbath and another who is much interested as the result of her work with them. She expects to use some of the Temperance *Instructors* among a class who are much in need of the message it contains. Let us pray that the seed sown by this isolated sister will bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

One man—not an Adventist—who has read several numbers of the *Protestant Magazine* writes that it is

very interesting to him as it reveals clearly the schemes of the Romish Church, and contains facts that people in general should know. If you are not a subscriber send \$.25 to the South Carolina Tract Society, Spartanburg, South Carolina for one year's subscription.

The Spartanburg Missionary Volunteers have laid plans to canvass the city thoroughly with the Temperance *Instructor*. They will enlist as many of the older members as possible in the campaign; and have ordered 350 copies to start with.

At the institute we were glad to

make the acquaintance of Elder W. H. Branson who has recently come to us from Florida. We heartily welcome him to our conference.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Swingle have returned to their home near Woodruff after spending the winter with Mr. Swingle's mother in Pennsylvania.

Brother J. B. Rise, of Lancaster, is enjoying his canvassing work very much since the institute at Cherokee.

North Carolina Items

The work at High Point is progressing and the workers there see

many new openings for labor. Elder Nash has united with Elder Killen in a series of special revival meetings with very encouraging results. The work has extended to the Archdale church; and one brother who has been backslidden for some time has confessed, and turned his face toward the light. Some are asking for baptism and we confidently look for permanent results from the efforts now being put forth.

Elder G. M. Brown has recently visited the churches at Kernersville and Maple Grove. He reports the

(Continued on page 4.)

**Ten-Cent-A-Week Fund
Southeastern Union Conference First Quarter 1911**

Conference	Membership	tocts.	Ann.Off.	Wkly.	F'gn Miss.	Sab.-sch.	Har. Ing.	Total	Should Have	Present Standing
North Carolina	281	1.30	173.10	13.12	57.61	108.51		292.34	365.50	72.96 short
South Carolina	175	1.30	69.94	2.33	22.44	68.75	81.20	244.66	227.50	17.16 over
Florida	678	1.30	708.95	16.10	184.24	313.51	87.09	1309.89	881.40	428.49 over
Cumberland	465	1.30	444.90	28.18	115.88	213.69	117.21	919.86	604.50	315.36 over
Georgia	836	1.30	136.37	7.53	96.03	175.18	188.41	603.53	436.80	166.73 over
A. M-	57	1.30	76.05	10.13			1.15	87.33	74.10	13.23 over
Totals	1992	1.30	1549.32	77.39	476.20	879.64	475.06	3457.61	2589.60	868.01 net "

Total for Southeastern Union over ten cents \$868.01.

HELEN D. DOWSETT, *Union Missionary Secretary.*

**Report of the Missionary Volunteers of the Southeastern Union Conference
for Quarter ending December 31, 1910**

	CUMBERLAND	GEORGIA	FLORIDA	NORTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	TOTAL
No. of Societies	2	4	3	3	1	13
Present Membership	49	55	106	36	14	260
Members of Attainment		3		1		4
No. in Reading Course	7	20	14	15		56
Junior Membership	31					31
Mem. Conference Society	10		75			85
Societies using Instructor Lessons	1	4	3	3	1	2
Letters Written	37	48	14	6	4	109
Letters Received	13	14	13	1		41
Missionary Visits	84	85	22		1	192
Bible Readings Held	19	64	16	1	4	104
Subscriptions Taken	8	14	1		1	24
Papers Sold	76	2756	25	8		2865
Papers Given Away	347	1927	134	65	37	2510
Books Sold		2	5			7
Books Given Away	15	22	8	1	1	47
Pages Tracts Sold		40				40
Pages Tracts Given Away	330	6871	147	474		7822
Hour Christian Help Work	85	420	5			510
Articles Clothing Given Away	65	89	10			164
Meals provided	21	45				66
Offerings Foreign Missions	\$15.78	\$166.99	\$5.10			\$187.87
Offerings Home Missions	.60	56.50	3.45			60.55
Offerings Local Society Work		10.58		34		10.92
No. Conversions	7	4				11

HELEN D. DOWSETT, *Union Secretary.*

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brethren as being of good courage.

Sister Emma B. Rogers our efficient Sabbath-school secretary has been sick but is now much better, and we hope that she may soon be well again.

The offerings to Missions from January 1 to March 30 were \$460.44. This is good, and if we keep them up to this mark each quarter in 1911, we shall more than make our offerings average ten cents per week per member.

Brother and Sister Tilden will reside at Hildebran where conditions are the most favorable for the recovery of his health.

GEO. M. BROWN.

Florida Items

ELDER John Manns is attending the institute at Huntsville.

Elder W. H. Branson, in answer to a call from the South Carolina Conference, has responded to the call, and from the Ministerial Institute at Knoxville went direct to his new field of labor. May his efforts for the furtherance of this cause continue to be blessed.

The tent-meeting at Jacksonville which was meeting with favor with many who were its attendants, was suddenly brought to a standstill for nearly a week as a result of a storm. During the storm, the wind broke the large pole and loosened the stakes from the sandy soil and let the tent down suddenly. While the tent was badly damaged, and some were in the tent at the time, yet not one was hurt in the least. After repairing the tent it was again pitched, and the meetings were resumed the following week with a good interest.

A Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention will be held in connection with the closing up of the tent effort at Jacksonville, April 29,

30. The efforts being put forth, and the good program now prepared give promise of an important meeting. All our Sabbath-schools near Jacksonville should be represented at this convention, as well as the isolated ones. Let the young people rally to their work at this time.

Words of appreciation from our brethren and sisters in response to their orders being so promptly filled by the Florida Tract Society are gratifying. We are glad that our office has a supply of books, tracts, and quarterlies from which orders can be promptly filled.

The recent letter sent to all the churches from the Florida Tract Society encouraging as many as can to enter the magazine work in our cities, will we trust, meet with a hearty response. Let all take advantage of the opportunities now afforded us in getting the truth before the people of our cities. Let our churches, arise and let their light shine by scattering the light of truth which is contained in the several attracting magazines,—*The Watchman*, *Signs of The Times*, *Life and Health*, and just at present, the *Temperance Instructor*.

Our Missionary Volunteer Secretary reports a marked increase of interest in the Young People's Work. Several new societies have been organized, and the number of members joining the "Standard of Attainment," and special reading course, exceeds any in the past. A zeal for active missionary work shows that our young people are interested in the Lord's work.

Antithesis No. 2. Jer. 17:5-8

The Two Kinds of Truth

SINCE the day when Satan beguiled our first parents to distrust, disobey, and dishonor God, there has ever been a proneness to trust in man, and make flesh the arm. God pronounces a curse upon him who thus perverts the original plans. He is to be like the heath in the desert, who cannot receive good, not being in a proper place and attitude. He looks to the pope, and his eyes are diverted from God, his confidence is reposed in the preacher rather than the word preached... the messenger rather than the message... the creature more than the creator. He withholds his tithe because he is trusting himself to provide. He cannot obey the fourth commandment because his eyes are not on Him who created all things by the word of His power. He joins various guilds, circles, lodges, because he vainly fancies he is thereby fortifying himself against the contingencies that may arise.

Let us look at the other. He is likened to a tree planted by the river. He is blessed. Not that God blesses him as pay for his goodness, but the very ease, rest, trustfulness is a blessing in itself.

He pays his tithe, he keeps the Sabbath, he is set free from any obligations to any lodge, guild, circle, or human association whatsoever. He is God's free man. Every yoke is broken. He enjoys the blessed liberty of the sons of God.

Avoid the first, embrace the second.
T. H. JEYS.

Workers' Notice

Professor H. M. Hiatt, for many years educational secretary of the Kansas Conference, has arrived to take the work of Field Educational Secretary of our Union Conference.

His first work is visiting the Oakwood School at Huntsville, Ala., and assisting in the Ministerial Institute now in session there.

His address until further notice will be 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference
for week ending Mar. 25.

Name	Hrs.,	Val.,	Del
CUMBERLAND			
J. W. Purvis	36		99.00
L. D. Wright	43	37.35	
R. A. Judy	48	45.00	
E. D. Haskell	40	15.25	4.50
Fred Meister	36		133.60
J. D. Finley	30	19.75	26.25
Mrs. J. D. Finley	25	17.25	1.00
W. E. West	40	16.86	3.50
J. C. Aust	42	43.05	1.05
SOUTH CAROLINA			
G. B. Case	30	23.50	1.50
M. S. Grim	29	2.45	.25
W. H. Armstrong	28	70.25	3.00
Mrs. H. Park	16	8.00	6.50
J. B. Rise	15	3.25	1.00
Miss B. Rahn	6	8.00	4.00
Ponettie Wyle	6	4.10	
GEORGIA			
Carl Mathews	54	3.00	68.00
J. M. Lewis	20	39.50	1.50
E. E. Kurtz	46	37.00	15.75
N. A. Reiber			27.00
I. T. Merchant	24	14.00	
R. M. Carter	46	126.00	
S. T. Walker	23	40.75	11.50
David Fisher	9	15.00	4.00
NORTH CAROLINA			
R. L. Underwood	38	65.00	1.00
W. E. Lanier	1		2.50
J. W. Siler	40	3.50	163.50
J. P. Allran	46	10.00	146.50
Jas. Husband	22	19.50	11.00
Dora Rudacil	23	12.00	1.00
Bertha Ingram	23	16.00	
Logan Ingram	28	33.50	2.50
J. Husband	14	4.00	15.00
Summary			
Cumberland	Total 340	41.00	194.00
South C.	Total 130	119.55	16.55
Georgia	Total 222	575.25	127.75
North C.	Total 233	164.00	340.03
Grand Total		925	899.80 678.33