

FIELD MEETINGS

"GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS"

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Being All Things to All Men

Not long ago I read in the *Monthly Missionary Reading* of a German worker being expelled from Rumania for preaching the message openly. He now expects to re-enter the field as a commercial traveler, and thus quietly spread the message. In so doing is he denying his faith? Should he defy all opposition, and invite persecution, or is he pursuing the right course to accomplish the same end without inviting persecution? *Most certainly* he is acting wisely.

But this brings us to another point: Our business as Seventh-day Adventists is to preach this message. This is the *primary occupation* of every one who has come to know this truth and accept it. Whatever else we may do is simply a means to that one end. The farmer plows corn to obtain money to spread the message, the carpenter drives nails for the same purpose. *That is our business.* We have no other. We are ambassadors for Christ, merely sojourning in this foreign land to represent him.

Christ's instruction is, "When they persecute you in one city flee into another." Do not stubbornly defy the persecution, and allow your time to be occupied in this way, for the time is short in which to do your work. Matt. 10:23. So is the instruction given to us by the Spirit of the Lord in Vol. 9, page 232. The enemy would like to stop our work, and so plans; but we take the whip out of his hands when plans are made to stop our ordinary work on Sunday, if we engage directly in the work which is our primary aim. With every true Seventh-day Adventist,

all his efforts are directed to the spreading of the message; and he is simply beating the devil at his own game when he engages directly in the work of the message, by giving Bible readings, holding cottage meetings, etc., when stopped from work calculated to earn money for the spread of the message. He has not ceased from his work; he is not honoring the Sunday arrangement; but is more vigorously opposing it than he would to have continued throughout the day in his usual vocation, and brought reproach upon himself and the cause thereby. By following the advice of the testimony referred to, one is simply prolonging his time of usefulness in this message, and at the same time doing more for the promulgation of it than one could by following a merely secular pursuit.

It may be asked then, What is receiving the mark of the beast? I reply, What we have taught that it was; but none are respecting Sunday when they cease one line of work and engage in another. To illustrate: Suppose I have two occupations, that of tailoring and of shoemaking. The law forbids my working. I cease pounding shoes on Sunday, because that attracts attention, and spend the day with my needle in the secrecy of my home. Have I received the mark of the beast thereby? Or must I make a big stir, and noise, to keep from receiving the mark of the beast? Every Seventh-day Adventist who has a secular pursuit has two occupations,—that secular pursuit, and the business of spreading the message. It is immaterial which of these he gives the preference on Sunday, and if hindered from pursuing one by the enact-

ment of a Sunday law, it is no more a denial of his faith to engage in the other than it would be if the hindering cause were a rainstorm, or a blizzard. But, brethren, let us see to it that the day is not idly spent. Let us spend it in our *primary occupation.* R. W. PARMELE.

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A Canvasser's Experience.

While canvassing a section of Roane Co., Tenn., last week, I had the pleasure of partaking of the hospitality of a Methodist minister who was formerly an attorney-at-law. After supper our conversation naturally drifted to religious topics. Soon the question was asked, "Why do you keep Saturday for Sunday, and why are you a Seventh-day Adventist?" I cheerfully informed him that I did not keep Saturday for Sunday, and that I was a Seventh-day Adventist because the holy Bible taught that blessed truth. I referred him to the Scripture substantiating my claim. Then I asked him why he kept Sunday, the first day, for the Sabbath instead of the seventh day according to the Commandments? Suffice it to say that we had a pleasant evening retiring at 12:15 A. M., after I had secured his order for one \$4.35 Bible, one "Great Controversy", cloth, one "Past, Present, and Future", cloth; with no charges for his kind hospitality, and the promise of his assistance as far as possible. For this I graciously praise the dear Lord.

Your brother in the blessed closing work. L. D. WRIGHT.

"The Lord is my helper."

Florida

An Interesting Canvassers'

Institute

To say that our canvassers' institute recently held in Jacksonville was a good one cannot be better expressed than in the following testimonies as given by its attendants at the closing meetings:—

W. A. Philpott,—Throughout this entire institute it has been evident that God is leading. I am indeed thankful to be permitted to attend.

T. C. Grant,—I thank the Lord for the privilege of attending this institute, and feel that the Lord has wonderfully blessed me. While here and as I go out to my field of labor, I trust that the Lord will continue to bless as I carry the message of truth.

Walter A. Bergherm,—I am very thankful for the privilege of attending this institute, and believe that God led me to do so. I am prepared to go into the field for better service.

Pearl Graham,—I praise the Lord for the privilege of attending this institute, and for the blessings which I have received while here.

Geo. G. Smith,—In attending the canvassers' institute I feel that I have been presented with a knowledge of the work which I could not acquire in any other way. I believe the Lord has been with us throughout the entire meeting, and it is my desire to put in full time in the Master's service.

H. A. Shreve,—I am thankful for the many rich blessings which I have received since coming to this institute, as well as the good instructions we have received from Brother Cole and others.

Marie I. Schuster,—I am thankful for the many blessings and timely instruction I have received while attending this institute. It is my desire to enter this work as soon as possible. The institute has been a great benefit to me.

Bertha Graham,—I feel very thankful to the Lord for the blessings I have received while attending the institute. I hope I will be more proficient in the work for my Master as I go to my field of labor.

H. L. Peeke,—Here at the close of this institute my prayer is that we may realize in our lives the hopes, the instruction, and the resolutions with which we part.

Harold L. Harvey,—I am very

thankful for the privilege of attending the institute in Jacksonville. The Lord has blessed me, as I enter the canvassing work, and I trust that I may have the prayers of God's people.

C. A. York,—The Lord has richly blessed me at this institute and I trust that all have had the same experience. I am glad that I came.

Allen Walker, Florida State Agent,—This has been the best institute I have ever attended, and I feel better prepared to work for my Master.

V. O. Cole, Union Conference Agent,—I am thankful for the spirit of unity and consecration that has characterized every meeting during the institute.

MRS. R. G. STRINGER.

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Bookmen's Convention

Proceedings

THE most interesting, enthusiastic, and successful convention of book and periodical workers ever held in the South, was held at Nashville, Tenn., during the month of January this year. Early in the convention the delegates from the Southwestern, Southern, and Southeastern Union Conferences requested that the proceedings of the convention be printed in permanent form. No arrangements for this had been made at Nashville. In fact it had been planned to furnish a limited number of copies for those especially interested in the book work by the mimeograph process.

But the delegates, among whom were all the local and union conference presidents and field agents of the entire territory and other leading workers, felt that the papers presented, and the discussions which followed, were of such vital importance to this phase of our work that it would be best to have the entire proceedings printed in convenient form for distribution among our people. The publishing house agreed to produce the report at cost. On account of there being a limited edition, the price is necessarily a trifle higher than for the ordinary pamphlet of the same size, but this will be more than compensated for by the added interest with which the pamphlet will be read, because of our acquaintance with those who took part

in the convention, and because the papers and discussions were of a nature precisely to fit our own individual field.

Each conference agreed to become responsible for a definite number of copies, and these are now in possession of the respective conferences. With transportation to the conference office and mail to the individual included, the pamphlets cost almost precisely thirty cents per copy, and all orders should be placed with the conference treasurer. Each conference has the privilege of making any special arrangements it may see fit in regard to the distribution of the pamphlets purchased for their respective fields.

The 171 pages of this publication are filled with the very cream of the good things brought out at the convention to which has been added a few appropriate illustrations. Every one interested in the circulation of our literature, either as a book agent, a periodical agent, or a home missionary with tracts and miscellaneous literature, can ill afford to miss reading this valuable pamphlet.

Brother A. J. S. Bourdeau, *Missionary Secretary* of the General Conference, and J. B. Blosser, *General Agent* of the Lake Union Conference, assisted throughout the convention with much timely and appropriate instruction. ATLANTA BRANCH.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASS'N.

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Among the North Carolina Canvassers

WE are glad to report progress in this part of the Master's vineyard. Good cheering words are coming from nearly all the canvassers.

At this writing, I am at Winston-Salem assisting Brother M. F. Campbell in getting started in the canvassing work. Brother Campbell is a man of determination, yet he is a man that is glad to learn, and is making progress in the work. We believe he is going to make a good worker.

Brethren L. P. Allran and J. W. Siler have just made a good delivery in Pamlico County. Brother Siler now goes to Edwards; (Beaufort County) North Carolina. Brother J. P. Allran goes to Kinston to join his son John and Brother Logan Ingram in canvassing Lenoir County.

Brother Henry W. George is making a delivery at Albemarle this week. He will then go to Edwards to join Brother Siler.

Brother Jos. Husband is, getting started with "Daniel and Revelation." He is working Rockingham County.

Brother T. H. Bailey writes encouragingly of his work at Asheville. He is using "Bible Footlights."

Sister Dora Rudacil and Bertha Ingram are doing faithful work in Kinston selling "Coming King."

Sister Lanier is canvassing Newbern for "Bible Footlights." Brother R. L. Underwood is also at Newbern canvassing, Grover County for "Daniel and Revelation", and is having good success.

Sister E. A. Wing is working in Greensboro. Sister Wing is a faithful worker, and when the Lord rewards his workers, we believe he will say, "She has done what she could."

I go from here to Archdale to help Brother T. J. Woodall get started. Brother Woodall did some faithful work last year with "Coming King." He now begins with "Daniel and Revelation."

If any who read this are desirous to join the North Carolina canvassers, we will be glad to correspond with them.

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Newbern, N. C.

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South Carolina Items

BROTHER Wareham's family school at Greenville, taught by Miss Mary Presley, held its closing exercises Monday night, April 3. The school-room being too small for the occasion, the porch of the building was neatly decorated with crepe paper and potted plants to serve as the platform; and the large and interested company of patrons and friends were seated in the yard. All the numbers on the program were well rendered. This closes Miss Presley's third year with this school. She is now spending a few days with her sister at Spartanburg and expects soon to enter the canvassing work for the summer season.

Elder Jeys spent Sabbath, April 8, with the Campobello church and conducted quarterly meeting. He spent Sunday in Spartanburg, and

on Monday went to Greenville to assist for a few days in the meetings there. We feel that his administration has been one of profit to the work in our conference, and all are sorry to hear that he is soon to leave us and connect with the work at Huntsville, Alabama.

Are you not sorry to know that during the past quarter some of our Sabbath-schools used some of their regular donations for supplies instead of giving all to missions? That means that we lose our place on the Honor Roll unless they make up the amount at an early date.

Sister Algatha Crichlow, teacher in the Greenville Mission School, has been teaching sewing to her pupils and exhibits some very creditable samples of work done. These will be placed on sale at the close of school, and the proceeds used to help in the work.

Elder Branson held quarterly meeting with the Cherokee Church. On Monday, April 3, he conducted the funeral of Mrs. Mary Painter at the Battle Ground church.

Several have sent in orders for the Temperance Number of the *Instructor*. Do you believe in temperance strong enough to think that this number should be circulated? Then why not help to do this good work?

W. K. Turner of the Cherokee church is taking treatment at the Atlanta sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tate, of Anderson, mourn the loss of their little four-year old son who died April 2, of pneumonia.

Brother Wm. Johnston is doing thorough work with his pupils at Brother R. L. Miller's, of Greer.

Elder W. H. Branson assisted by Brother A. L. Manous has begun a series of meetings at Greenville.

Sister McHugh spent Sabbath, April 1, with the Battle Ground church.

Elder W. H. Branson has been chosen as our conference president to fill the place left vacant by Elder Jeys' removal to Huntsville, Alabama. Change will take place May first.

Miss Bartholomew is selling *Life and Health* in Spartanburg with good success.

The school at Cherokee closed Friday, April 14, after a very successful

term taught by Miss Goldie Baldwin. The closing exercises were held on the Sunday following, and consisted of a well-rendered temperance program. Miss Baldwin left on Monday for her home in Louisiana.

If you wish a "Morning Watch Calendar", please send in your order at once. Price, five cents each. We have but a few copies on hand and no more are to be had. Address, South Carolina Tract Society, Spartanburg, S. C.

Elder Chas. Thompson and Professor H. M. Hiatt met with the Conference Committee at Spartanburg, April 17.

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Florida Items

THE sanitarium is still enjoying an overflow of patronage.

As a result of the tent effort in Jacksonville, some have decided to keep the Sabbath.

Our mission schools for the colored people, have an enrollment of 329 pupils. These schools are held in Jacksonville, Plant City, Fernandina, E. Palakta, and Punta Gorda.

The new school house at Jennings Lake is nearing completion. It will be in readiness for the opening of of the church-school this year. The Jennings Lake church has had church-school for several years, and will appreciate a building for the school.

Elder C. F. Parmele who has been spending a few weeks with his brother, Elder R. W. Parmele, has now returned to his field of labor in Tennessee. This pleasant association has been shared with many, and we hope we may have him with us again.

Alvah Highsmith, a student of the Ft. Ogden school, writes, "The school is doing well, and I think the last two months of the school year will be even better than the first six. I am enjoying it much."

Sister Iva Lawson of Milton, Fla., who has been desiring to be more closely connected with our school work, has been invited to connect with our sanitarium school. She began the work the first of the month, and is giving satisfaction.

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The Gospel Sentinel

People Are Awake to its Merits

Aside from the general articles there appear regularly each week Bible readings on various points of present truth. Our object is to present in the *Sentinel* studies, each of which will be as complete as possible in itself, the whole, however, forming a complete line of truth, so that those who follow these readings weekly will have, in the course of a few months, an intelligent understanding not only of the Gospel Message, as the term is generally understood, but also of the special messages of the last days.

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Is an unusually good number. The very first article is well worth the price of the magazine and it should appeal to all our people. It is just the thing to present to your town's people. The editor reviews the signs of the times in a striking way, and illustrates the article with large and appropriate illustrations, making it convincing and interesting to read. Then follows "Socialism and Democracy", by Frank S. Weston; "History in Prophecy", by Elder Wilcox; "John Calvin", by Mrs. White, a brief review of some of the work of this early reformer; "The Bible a Living Word", by T. E. Bowen; "How Did Christ Perform His Miracles?", by Professor Rine, a consideration of the methods of healing as used in the "Emmanuel

Movement," and contrasting them with the methods of Christ. This is an unusually important article. Then follow others—all good, interesting, and timely, with a good array of current topics. It is a good number and ought to be widely circulated. A few numbers should be placed in every community. If you can only spare a few minutes time in its circulation, by all means send to the Tract Society office for ten or twenty copies. The beautiful cover and timely contents with unusually good and numerous illustrations make it a splendid one for our agents. Try a few of this excellent number.

The Watchman

The Present Truth Evangelizer

insists that the people ought to be acquainted with the message it contains from month to month. The following is a partial list of articles for the May *Watchman*:

The article by Professor P. T. Magan, "Partly Strong and Partly Broken," will be continued in this number.

"The Antitypical Scapegoat,"

C. P. Bollman.

"Sinai and Calvary,"

J. S. Washburn.

"The Sealing Work,"

B. G. Wilkinson.

"The Last Gospel Message,"

L. A. Smith.

"The Greek Catholic Religion,"

Rev. Walter McCarrroll.

"Infidel Astronomy,"

Dr. O. C. Godsmark.

Yours for Present Truth,

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASS'N.

Copper Ridge

BRETHREN Simmons and Shuler conducted quarterly meeting at the Copper Ridge church, Sabbath, March 25.

Brother Shuler has secured a good interest in his meetings. The church is filled every night in spite of unfavorable weather. One lady has promised to keep the Sabbath. Others are inquiring what they must do to unite with us. The husband of one sister who has fought the truth bitterly in the past is under conviction and just about to step in.

We praise the Lord for this good meeting we are having, and for the interest created on the part of those who have not been interested heretofore.

MRS. EVA BIRD.

Florida Items

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Sister Anna Butler, who after a serious illness of several weeks last year underwent a serious operation at our sanitarium, is doing efficient work in her school at Fort Ogden, and writes that she is enjoying excellent health.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference

(Week ending April 8)

Name,	Hrs.,	Val.,	Del.
CUMBERLAND			
W. E. West	73	22.75	2.50
E. D. Haskell	98	36.75	4.25
R. A. Judy	46	47.50	
Mamie Cozart	9	3.50	
C. M. Cochran	36	3.00	64.85
T. A. Walker	25		34.00
L. D. Wright	8	3.50	
FLORIDA			
F. W. Gotts	30	130.00	
F. M. Haegart	20	9.25	
Anna Orr	20	8.25	
Gracia Hunter	23		4.50
H. D. Jones	31	100.00	2.50
H. L. Harvey	17	52.50	
T. C. Grant	18	34.00	
Geo. Smith	20	82.50	
Allen Walker	16	33.00	
GEORGIA			
E. E. Kurtz	32	62.25	1.00
R. M. Carter	20	15.50	
D. A. Fisher	31	65.60	1.50
S. T. Walker	29	63.50	3.50
Miss E. Zook	11	12.75	1.50
I. T. Merchant	14	34.50	2.50
M. J. Weber	38	108.65	
Carl Mathews	5		.50
NORTH CAROLINA			
R. L. Underwood	46	117.50	3.50
John Allran	40	49.00	2.00
J. P. Allran	15	1.75	42.25
T. J. Woodall	11	20.75	.75
W. E. Lanier	15	31.00	1.00
Mrs. E. A. Wing	11	13.25	2.25
Joseph Husband	23	9.00	
Dora Rudacil	37	27.25	.25
Bertha Ingram	38	22.25	1.25
M. F. Campbell	32	32.00	1.00
Logan Ingram	9	1.75	.25
Mrs. W. E. Lanier	17	6.00	22.00
T. H. Bailer	12	19.55	31.25
Irregular		18.75	37.75
SOUTH CAROLINA			
G. B. Case	24	9.50	12.00
W. H. Armstrong	11	21.50	4.00
C. L. Belue	9	22.50	.75
J. B. Rise	8	3.50	1.50
Summary			
Cumberland	Total 239	117.00	105.60
Florida	Total 196	341.50	7.00
Georgia	Total 180	362.75	10.00
N. Carolina	Total 306	369.50	145.56
S. Carolina	Total 52	46.00	18.25
Grand Total		1025	1036.75 286.41