



Church Etiquette

A little dissertation on how to behave at church is not entirely out of place for some people even who go to church with a good degree of regularity. The *Presbyterian Journal* preaches a little sermon on the subject. It says:—

As long as there are churches, there will be a church etiquette, and very many who would not think for a moment of offending at a social function, do not seem at all concerned when attending a sacred service. The following rules form a good foundation:—

1. If possible be on time. You need at least five minutes, after coming, to get warm or cool, to compose your body and mind and to whisper a prayer before the service begins.

2. Never pass up the aisle during prayer or Scripture reading. If you do, your presence will distract the minds of many in the audience.

3. Be devout in every attitude. All whispering should be studiously avoided. Find the the hymn and sing it, if you can. Share the book with your neighbor, If in a strange church, conform to its customs of worship.

4. If the sermon has begun, take a seat near the door, no matter if you are "at home."

5. Be thoughtful for the comfort of others. Take the inside of the pew, if you are the first to enter, and leave all vacant space at the end next to the aisle.

6. Speak a bright cheery word to as many as possible at the close of the service. If you are a stranger, ask one of the ushers to introduce you to the pastor or to some of the

church officers. This will always insure you a hearty welcome.

7. Never put on your overcoat, overshoes, or wraps during the closing hymn, and do not make a rush for the door immediately after the benediction is pronounced. There should be no loud talking and jesting after the service is concluded. These are as much out of place at the house of God as at a house of mourning.

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A Call For Volunteers

I HAVE just been looking over some of our monthly magazines, and am filled with wonder and admiration at the magnificent display of living truths so beautifully expressed and illustrated. When we stop to think of it, it is passingly strange to see so few engaged in the sale of them. What would the Saviour say if he were to appear on the earth personally, and see numbers of our people standing idly by? Surely he would set them to work. Then, to meet his approval, we *must* work.

Just now the *Temperance Instructor* is meeting a ready sale. We trust that all our young people will do their duty in the distribution of this excellent number.

The excellent sales realized by the ones who are engaged in this work should be an incentive to scores of our young people to earn a scholarship for school another term. Then there are some who can avail themselves of this opportunity to earn money to bear their camp-meeting expenses.

Truly the times demand greater earnestness on our part in spreading

the truths so momentous to us.

Let us have a hearty response in this noble work.

Write to the Florida Tract Society, Drawer 28, Orlando, Florida, and see how they will co-operate with you in working for the Master.

LEROY T. CRISLER.

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The Three-hundred-thousand-dollar Fund Again

THROUGH the columns of *FIELD TIDINGS* I desire to call the attention of the readers to this fund at this time. The greater amount of our pro-rata has been pledged, the amount of pledges has been reported, and the General Conference has planned its work abroad in harmony therewith.

Now brethren and sisters, what do you think is the best for us to do? Pay our pledges, and thus enable the brethren in foreign lands to meet their obligations? Or let it go by default, and thus dissappoint and embarrass them? I am sure that you agree with me, that the former is the only consistent thing to do. Therefore, I trust that all will endeavor to get the full amount of their pledges, and send them to their conference treasurer at once. The time allotted for raising this fund is now more than half gone, and I do trust that in the meeting of our part "There shall be no delay longer."

It will soon be time for our annual campmeetings to begin, and I hope that not a soul will come up to the time of their meeting with a former pledge unpaid.

I would suggest that every church elder, take this matter up with their

respective churches, and make it their business to see that their quota is raised at the earliest possible moment.

The work is onward. Time is passing. Souls are perishing. What are we doing? May God help all to do their duty. CHAS. THOMPSON.

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The Colored Work in Columbia, S. C.

A LITTLE over a year ago, I began tent efforts in this city. Our work here was one of the most stubborn I ever attempted in all the years of my ministry. We were hedged in on all sides with perplexing difficulties.

This is the capital, and represents society of every cast, with advantages, educationally, peculiar above any other in the "palmetto state." This city is favored with six colleges and universities of which three are the sons of "Ham." The negro institutions, including the Hobinson college, a Presbyterian school, have an enrollment of nearly 2000 students, representing homes from every nook and corner in South Carolina. The state hospital is located here with about 1500 inmates; also the state penitentiary lends its influence by assuring civil protection, not only to the city, but throughout the state. It has a school of about 3000 industrial students, teaching them every modern art under lock and key. Spiritually, this city is controlled by one of the most intelligent clergy forces I ever witnessed. Ninety-five per-cent of "Ham's" sons are under their influence.

The people think, if they are turned out of their churches, they are turned out of heaven. It was under such circumstances, that we began the first tent effort in this city. Elder W. H. Armstrong had preceded us with literature, the sowing of which accounts for after results. The result proved to be the best in the history of my work. About sixty-five took a stand for the truth, among which are merchants and artificers. Elder Jeys, the president of the conference, organized a church of forty-five out of the fore-mentioned number; and since, fifteen have been received of the number outstanding. Our Sabbath-school numbers nearly ninety, the largest negro Sabbath-

school in the S. D. A. connection. This work is the result of less than fifteen months' service. When we pitched our tent, there were two loyal believers in the truth, who were brought in through Elder Armstrong's most valuable service, two years ago.

I leave this field reluctantly, according to the Union Conference recommendation to begin in another, not my heart's choice.

The path of duty is not always plain to him who is called to take up new obligations in some blasted territory, but He who makes the call will supply the courage and fortitude to meet new difficulties, matter not, if it is not the heart's choice. May the spirit of alacrity govern the bounds of my steps to the "tar-heel" state. SYDNEY SCOTT.

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Cumberland

I HAVE been looking over the reports of the canvassers since the institute at Graysville, Feb. 13-22, 1911. I find that Brother Judy is the only one who has not missed having in a report every week since, and his profit is almost \$2.24 for every ten hours' work, or exactly \$1.23, or twenty-two cents per hour profit. Brother Haskell has worked 262 hours, but I have not heard of his delivery yet. Brother W. E. West has worked 206 hours, but deliveries not in yet. Brother Aust has worked 173 hours, but not delivered. Brother Wright has worked 206 hours, and delivered \$107.20, or an average of twenty-six cents per hour's work; but about one half of these orders were taken before the institute. Brother Wright has been unable to work most of the time since the institute, but is now in the field again. Brother and Sister Finley did not attend the canvassers' institute, but they have put in 113 hours, and have delivered \$82.50, or an average profit of thirty-six and one-half cents per hour, but nearly all of these orders were taken before the institute. Fred Meister has worked 200 hours, and delivered \$186.10 worth of books, or an average profit of thirty-six and one-half cents per hour, but nearly all of these orders were taken before the institute.

We are sorry to say that Brother Fred has gone North and left us. Brother Purvis has worked 150 hours and delivered \$112.60 worth, or an average profit of thirty-seven and one-third cents per hour. A large part of these orders were taken before the institute. Walter Kirkham has worked thirty-two hours and delivered \$44.10 worth, or an average profit of sixty-nine cents per hour. All these orders were taken before the institute. Brother Kirkham is now helping Sister Pogue with her spring work, but will soon be out again.

Bro. T. J. Walker has worked 100 hours and delivered forty dollars worth, or an average of twenty cents per hour. Brother Claude Cochran has worked 152 hours, and delivered sixty-eight dollars' worth, or an average profit of twenty-two and one-third cents per hour. Sister Cozart has put in time to the amount of thirty-six hours, but made no delivery.

Brethren C. H. Moyers, Jas. Donaldson and Sister A. A. Travis attended the institute: but have reported nothing up to date—April 24. Brethren Parkins and Nelson have gone to Chattanooga, but I have received no report from them yet.

S. F. REEDER.

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South Carolina Items

BACK numbers of the *Watchman* of 1909, can be had in exchange for postage, at the rate of \$.35 per 100 magazines. All are in good condition. We hope that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to obtain a quantity of good literature for missionary work among neighbors and friends. Address, South Carolina Tract Society, Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. A. H. Lancaster and Joe Burdine, of Campobello, spent Sabbath and Sunday, April 22 and 23, at Spartanburg.

Miss Jenet Presley is spending a few days with her sisters, Mary and Anna, at Spartanburg. She has been teaching at Greensboro, N. C., and will spend the summer at her home in Graysville, Tenn.

Elders Jeys and Branson spent April 21, at the office, turning over the affairs of the conference, and both spent Sabbath with the Spartanburg church. Elder Branson re-

turned to Greenville, and Elder Jeys left on Sunday morning for his new field of labor at Huntsville, Ala.

The Young People's Missionary Society came together at the regular afternoon service. From the interesting reports given, it could be seen that these young people are organized for service. They have sold a number of the Temperance *Instructor*, which has already accomplished good. This is the only society in our conference at present, and we feel gratified to see them doing such good work. We bid them Godspeed.

We plan to begin a tent effort in Greenville as soon as the new tent arrives. This tent-effort will doubtless continue until campmeeting. Brethren and sisters, pray that a harvest of souls may be reaped in this place. W. H. BRANSON.

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Georgia

My last report was made from Macon, where we enjoyed the quarterly services. From that point I visited Brother Sudduth at Cordele, spending the night. Arrangements were made for this brother who has been located at that place for nearly two years, canvassing, to move to Merriwether county.

I spent a week with the Savannah church, conducting quarterly meeting Sabbath, April 8. The Lord came very near, and added his blessing. One addition to the church. This young man has recently embraced the truth through the efforts of Brother Tarver, one of our canvassers. Brother and Sister Terry are doing faithful work in selling books and papers; also doing Bible work. We are glad to say that every member of the church seems to be alive and zealous in the work. There are several new Sabbath-keepers, who will soon be ready for baptism. A young man who is manager of the "Farmers' Union" office there, and a believer in the truth, handed me one hundred dollars title, and five dollars for missions at the close of the service one night. He is preparing to keep the Sabbath. At the close of the meeting the church met in a business meeting and arranged to begin a church building fund. All took an active interest, and the move was fully set on foot. May the Lord

continue to bless the work in that great, wicked city, is my prayer.

I stopped over in Dunkin' on my return, and spent the night with Brother Poland, an aged Sabbath-keeper; but who had never met one of our ministers. He is eighty-three years old. His daughter is very much interested, and expects soon to begin to obey. She has been principal of the high-school there for twelve years.

I spent one night with the Macon church, and assisted them in getting their church building arranged. They voted to begin the work at once. We will all rejoice to see this church completed. Macon has for years met from house to house, and often with an overflowing, owing to resident room. The little flock has kept at it, until now they have sufficient funds to erect a house for worship.

Sabbath, April 15, was spent with the Atlanta church. There are several to be baptized there. I expect to spend next Sabbath at that place, and conduct the baptismal service.

We were very glad to have Elder Thompson and Prof. Hiatt spend a few days with the Alpharetta church. They left us April 17. The church was greatly strengthened by this visit; and also the outside attendance was very good. They are invited to come again.

The Alpharetta school closed April 19. The board has arranged with Miss Clyde Bowen to teach a three-months' term, beginning with July.

C. B. STEPHENSON.

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Florida

An Important Meeting

THE sanitarium faculty was much gratified by a recent meeting of the Orlando Board of Trade.

A general recognition of the sanitarium's need for more room and added facilities, caused Mr. Clency, president of the Orlando Water and Light Co., also chairman of the Board of Trade, to call a meeting of the entire board to meet in the parlor of the San Juan Hotel, Monday night, March 3.

Elder R. W. Parmele, H. A. Shreve, and the writer were present to represent the sanitarium.

On being called upon by the chairman, Elder Parmele gave a history

of our sanitarium work in Florida, reading the charter which sets forth the principles of our medical work, how it would be necessary to erect a larger building at Orlando, or start branches elsewhere. This was followed by a speech from the writer, showing the benevolent and philanthropic nature of our sanitarium work generally. These were responded to by Post Master, W. R. Oneal, Mahlon Gore, former mayor of Orlando, W. H. Parmele, the leading lawyer of So. Florida, Mr Overstreet, of the Orlando Bank and Trust Co., and other leading citizens, who, without exception, expressed their appreciation of the work we had started in their midst, and their purpose to assist us in every way possible.

A committee of three was appointed to solicit subscriptions from the business men of Orlando. They want us to put up a \$10,000 building, and are going to endeavor to raise one-half of it themselves. Mr. Clency promised that his company would donate a tenth of what the citizens subscribed.

These men fully expect that we will do our part in raising the other half, or \$5,000. The situation is therefore thrust upon us to do as we think best. Shall we stand back, and not utilize this co-operation by being indifferent to the needs of the hour?

During the past winter, our capacity has been taxed to the utmost. For several weeks we have had to turn away the sick and dying, who begged for admission. We have done the best we could with the cramped quarters and limited facilities at our command. To do good work and properly care for those whom the Lord sends us, a larger building is an imperative necessity.

We could not help but notice the deep impression that was made upon the above representatives gathered, as God helped us to set forth the principles of our medical work. If God is moving upon the Gentiles to assist in finishing his work, what will he think of us, if we fail to do our part? Write us your convictions.

LEROY T. CRISLER,

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"Man's heart deviseth his way, but God directeth his steps."

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North Carolina Items

THE reports of our canvassers are in for the first three months in 1911, and they show that the book work is prospering. There has been an average of nine agents in the field, and total orders amounted to \$2673.50, while books to the value of \$1298.25 have been delivered. One of the most successful agents took orders amounting to \$651.00, and delivered \$260.00 worth of books.

The canvassing work is growing, and we are determined to make 1911 the banner year in the book sales.

Miss Cora Self has returned from the Southern Training School, and is now engaged in the magazine work. We are glad to welcome her, and hope that she may have abundant success in the work.

Professor J. W. Beach and the writer met Elder Chas. Thompson and Professor Hiatt, the Union Educational Secretary, at Asheville the 20th, to talk over plans for the educational work in our conference. We were much pleased with the practical plans which Professor Hiatt outlined, and we believe that his coming to this field will be a great help to the work.

The FIELD TIDINGS list has been revised so as to include only those who have paid their subscriptions. No Seventh-day Adventist family can afford to be without the weekly visits of the FIELD TIDINGS, so we hope that every family will see that it is represented on the new subscription list. Send orders through the librarian, or direct to M. H. Brown, Greensboro, N. C. It costs less than one-half cent per week—only 25 cents for a whole year.

Our tithe for the first nine months of the present conference year has been \$2407.16. If the tithe continues

to come in at the same rate during the present quarter, it will bring the total for the conference year up to \$3209.54.

Elder Nash went from High Point to La Grange to follow up the work begun before the Knoxville Institute. He reports excellent meetings, and the believers of good courage in the Lord. He expects to go from there to Lexington and later to Maple Grove. The writer has held meetings at Eufola, and visited the isolated Sabbath-keepers in the vicinity. The young people's meeting Sabbath afternoon was a most blessed occasion. It was most encouraging to see the entire congregation arise in a body when called upon to consecrate themselves to the work of God.

Brother W. E. Lanier, our Missionary Agent has been actively engaged, since the institute, in helping the canvassers in the field. He writes that Brother Campbell, one of our new agents, took \$17 worth of orders in one afternoon. It is only a few months since this brother accepted the message, and now he is in the field carrying it to others, and God is blessing him wonderfully.

The North Carolina camp-meeting is set for August 13-23. Its location is not yet decided, but we hope that it soon will be. Begin now to plan to attend this important meeting, and encourage others to do so. Now is a good time to plan for the planting of a missionary garden, or patch of cotton, or something that will bring some additional money into your hands which you can use to advance the Lord's work.

GEO. M. BROWN.

The Training Course

UNDER this heading a topical outline for the study of certain books appears in each issue of the *Sabbath-school Worker*. This "Sabbath-school Workers' Training Course" is proving to be a real blessing to those who are taking it. The books required to take this course are:

"Selections from the Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work" cloth binding, twenty-five cents; leather binding, thirty-five cents.

"Hamil's S.S. Teacher," cloth cover, fifty cents.

It is also essential to have the *Sabbath-school Worker* so as to follow the study outline. All these supplies should be ordered through the conference office.

There has been a good demand from some of the Sabbath-schools for the little *Map of Paul's Travels*. This will be found quite helpful during the remainder of the present series of lessons on the *Acts*. This map is 4x5 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches in size, and can readily be carried in the Bible. The price is only 5 cents per copy, or 6 for 25 cents. Orders for this should also be sent to the conference office.

ATLANTA BRANCH, SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference

(Week ending April 15)

Name,	Hrs.,	Val.,	Del.
GEORGIA			
S. T. Walker	23	88.50	3.50
D. A. Fisher	32	42.00	
M. J. Weber	49	12.30	105.30
I. T. Merchant	26	27.00	3.00
W. H. Tarver	15	15.50	6.00
Miss E. Zook	16	17.50	.75
N. A. Reiber	16	37.50	
Carl Mathews	10	23.00	2.00
E. E. Kurtz	11	24.00	.50
R. M. Carter	4	29.50	32.75

CUMBERLAND

Mrs. M. Cozart	27	7.50	
E. D. Haskell	32	12.50	2.75
W. E. West	28	20.75	1.75
J. C. Aust	14	21.50	
R. A. Judy	44	39.50	

NORTH CAROLINA

J. P. Allran	47	54.00	4.60
John Allran	39	46.25	4.75
Dora Rudacil	38	17.00	2.00
Bertha Ingram	40	21.75	3.25
Logan Ingram	34	21.50	2.00
Mrs. E. A. Wing	16	14.00	6.50
J. Husband	7	8.25	.25
R. L. Underwood	42	107.00	2.00
M. F. Campbell	25	12.50	.50
T. J. Woodall	25	26.00	2.00
W. E. Lanier	9	17.50	9.50
W. H. George	20	2.50	35.50
J. W. Siler	36	39.75	1.75

SOUTH CAROLINA

W. H. Armstrong	31	59.50	40.75
C. L. Belue	20	49.25	26.75
G. B. Case	9		7.00

FLORIDA

W. A. Philpott	41	33.50	
Gracia Hunter			4.00
F. W. Gotts	27	62.75	
Allen Walker	40	107.50	
H. L. Harvey	33	62.00	
T. C. Grant	32	41.00	
Hattie Reed	15	15.75	13.75
Mary Manns			3.10
S. Starke			13.50
F. R. Lester			10.00
H. D. Jones	17	44.60	

Summary

S. Carolina	Total	60	108.75	74.50
Florida	Total	202	366.85	44.35
N. Carolina	Total	372	388.00	74.00
Georgia	Total	202	316.60	153.80
Cumberland	Total	145	102.45	4.50
Grand Total		981	1282.65	351.15