

# FIELD MEETINGS

GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS

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## Boil It Down

OUR little sheet is small,  
We cannot publish all—  
Two quarts in one, O, no;  
You cannot make it so.  
So, this is our advice,  
And we repeat it thrice:  
Boil it down, boil it down,  
Yes, boil it down.

A long report may wait,  
But this will make it late.  
"Then use your shears", you say,  
"And clip some things away."  
But this we hate to do  
With friends so good and true.  
Why not boil it down?  
You boil it down.

We want to hear from you,  
And read often, too—  
Not one great, long report,  
But many good and short.  
So this is our advice,  
Again we say it thrice:  
Boil it down, boil it down,  
Please boil it down. —Selected.

## The Question Box\*

WHAT attitude should we take toward people who accept the truth, but who, we have reason to believe, have not been really converted? Should we encourage people to become mere formal believers of the message?

We should not encourage any one to join the church who has not experienced a change of heart, and had some experimental knowledge of the things of God. But we should not simply hold them off. We should go to

\*Answered by Elder A. G. Daniells at the Philadelphia Institute.

work in real earnest, and endeavor to lead them to Christ.

When the message is preached in a place, and the church members at that place have quarreling and strife among them, will God let souls come in?

The counsel I would give in this is to go to work in behalf of the church. If I were called to a place for a special effort, and found the church in that condition, my first work would be to try to help that church into the right state. I would hesitate, and possibly decline, to hold a series of meetings for the public at a place where, as soon as they embrace the truth, they would have to be brought into a quarreling, wrangling church. I would rather they would wait until they could come into a church whose members were at peace with God and one another. We ought to make it plain and clear to our brethren, that it is almost useless to attempt to carry on work for those not of our faith, when the church itself does not stand right with God. A church that is backslidden will stand in the way of the success of an effort.

Some of our ministers report in union papers a large number of Sabbath-keepers, but it is found out later that not so many are brought into the church. Should not our ministers be careful to report in such a way as not to misrepresent things?

Certainly. We do not suppose, however, that any minister would intentionally exaggerate his report. We judge that after people have taken their stand for the truth, and have come up to the time of church relationship, the number has shrunken, and perhaps only one-half or two-thirds as many come into the church as were reported to have ac-

cepted the truth at the time the course was finished.

That touches upon a most important feature of our work, and there are two phases to that. One is the character of the work we do with the people up to the time they take their stand, and we report them as having stepped out to keep the Sabbath, and the other phase is the kind of work we do with them after they have come out and begun to keep the Sabbath. One thing that will help people to stay, is to give them the whole truth while we are giving it. Be thorough, and give them the whole truth,—tithing, the ordinance of humility, and the gifts of the Spirit. Of course, we would not begin our course with those lines, because people have not learned enough about us to understand or to appreciate that. They do not know our position, so we should begin with those lines that will not make them feel that we are visionary, fanatical, and unreliable.

## The Mid-summer Offering

THE purpose of this article is not to tell the reader of the origin or importance of the Mid-summer Offering. This is well known to every Seventh-day Adventist. But to remind all that the time for taking it is the first Sabbath in July, which is, this year, on the first day of the month.

There are special times each year when the people of the world spend a great deal of money foolishly. One of these is July 4. They sacrifice means, and frequently life itself to

make a noise, in celebrating national independence.

We as a people through the good sense imparted to us by the third angel's message, are saved from this foolish and wicked waste of the bounties of heaven.

The responsibility of giving this same message to others rests heavily upon us. Every land near and far, is crying to this people for the gospel. The voice, "Come over and help us", can be heard in every quarter, and all must be answered in the next few years.

There has never been a time when the general treasury has been strained, and perplexed to provide the means, as it is today. There never were so many Adventists in the world as today. There never were greater demands, or more crying needs than today. There never was so short a time to do the work as today. Therefore the Mid-summer Offering, taken on July 1, 1911, should be the largest ever rolled up for the advancement of this message.

The time is here, when giving a few dollars that we can spare as well as not, will not suffice. But we are living in the time spoken of by the Saviour when he said, "Sell that ye have and give alms." The time is here, not coming, when sacrifices should be made for the finishing of the work of God.

May God help us all to do our duty at this time is my prayer.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

### Commencement Exercises of the Southern Training School

THE fifteenth annual commencement exercises of the Southern Training School were held May 20-23. As usual these exercises began with the Baccalaureate sermon which was delivered by Dr. O. C. Godsmark of Chattanooga, Sabbath morning at the Seventh-day Adventist church. The theme of the discourse was a comparison of ancient and modern miracles. The Doctor's connection with the educational and evangelical work of the Seventh-day Adventists, made it possible for him to bring in a number of personal experiences as he traced the development of the educational work. Great stress was laid upon the breadth of the motto

which had been chosen by the class, "He Conquers who Endures." The church was well filled, and all seemed to enjoy the discourse very much.

Monday night at 7:30 the class program was rendered in the Training School chapel. The heavy rain that came early in the evening kept some people away, but the chapel was filled to its comfortable seating capacity. The class program consisted of music, addresses, essays, together with the class poem, history and prophecy, closing with the class song. The following night, May 23, was given to the formal commencement program. Unlike the custom in the past, there was no formal commencement address by a speaker from abroad, but the program was given by students who had won class honors, namely, The Salutatory, Miss Lynne Rainwater, the President's address, Mr. D. W. Dillon, and the Valedictory by Mr. John Wright. A number of appropriate selections of music were rendered during the evening, at the close of which the usual presentation of diplomas was made by the principal.

One little note of sadness sounded in all the commencement exercises, in the death of Professor Miller's child, a baby of about nine months. Its death occurred Monday morning, May 22. Professor Miller received many expressions of sympathy from the school and from his brethren and friends in his hour of trouble.

The graduating class consists of twelve persons, as follows;—

D. W. Dillen who finished the Ministerial course, John F. Wright, Elizabeth Van Voorhis, and Mabel Mitchell finished the Literary course Lynne Rainwater, the Advanced Normal and Stenographic, Grace Craw, Scientific, Nannie May Smith, Elementary Normal, Earlan Harrison and Augustus Foster, Commercial, Harold Buegnet and Vallah Dillen the Stenographic course, and Mary Vreeland, the Music course. Five of the class have made plans for entering some branch of the work, two of them expect to continue in school somewhat longer, to take up advanced work. One of the class is making preparations to take up the medical work. It is the hope of the faculty that this entire class shall be valuable workers in the cause of God. The school buildings are somewhat lonesome after the departure of the students, but already preparations

are being made for the opening of school, Sept. 13, 1911.

Young people everywhere, what are you going to do about school next year? The Southern Training School needs you, and you need the training it can give. It is the desire of the faculty that an army of workers shall go forth from the these school walls to become factors in the carrying of this message.

A number of visitors were in attendance during Commencement Exercises. Among them were Prof. H. M. Hiatt, Educational Secretary of the Southeastern Union. Elder P. G. Stanley, President of the Cumberland Conference, and Elder Chas. Thompson, President of the Southeastern Union. M. B. VAN KIRK

### Mid-summer Offering

It is time for our annual Mid-summer Offering. Sabbath, July 1, will soon be here. This annual collection is looked forward to with a great deal of interest by our faithful missionaries who are supported from these funds. All our churches and our isolated brethren and sisters in the Cumberland Conference, are urged to make a liberal offering at this time that the needs of our missionaries may be supplied.

In looking over our financial statement for the past five months, we find a number of our churches are short in reaching their quota. It is earnestly hoped that the liberal collection taken up Sabbath, July 1, will help all to make up their shortage, and thus enable the conference to make her full quota for the first six months of the year.

P. G. STANLEY.

### Cumberland Items

THE conference committee met in Chattanooga at the home of Elder Stanley, Sunday, May the 14th. and transacted business for the conference. All members were present except Elder W. W. Williams.

Our camp-meeting grocery tent will be managed this year by Brother Lon Russell.

Ernest Haskell has been invited to

take charge of the book tent at our camp-meeting.

Mrs. P. G. Stanley will superintend the dining tent. The cooks have not yet been secured.

How does your church stand in its quota to Missions? If short, make it up in your mid-summer collection.

Remember your pledge to the \$300,000. fund. Let all pay up who possibly can on this fund before the camp-meetings.

Elder Stanley and Professor Hiatt held services at the Mission Ridge church last Sabbath in the interest of Christian education.

Our camp-meeting has not been located yet. It is quite difficult to secure suitable grounds and accommodations.

Brother Ernest Haskell and Miss Alice Page were united in marriage at the Mission Ridge church, Sunday the 29th, Elder Stanley officiating.

May the 15th, Elders Stanley and Lockenshipped the tent outfits from Graysville for each of the tent companies. Each company will pitch at once.

In planning for our tent campaign it was voted that Elder J. B. Locken and J. L. Shuler hold a tent meeting at Lenoir City.

Brother Maynor is to pitch a tent at Athens and follow up the interest that has been created there by our literature and Bible work.

The conference committee voted to ask Brother Jacob Fisher of Brayton, Tenn., to superintend and pitch our camp this year. Brother Fisher is an old pioneer in this cause and has had years of experience in pitching camps.

Elders Shoup and Dillon are to conduct a tent meeting at Garber. Elder Shoup had previously held a few meetings at this place and awakened considerable interest, and it was thought best to pitch a tent here and further develop the interest.

Our new camp-meeting pavilion, 60x80, will be ready for shipment early in July. Let all who have pledged to our camp-meeting and tent fund send in their remittance that we may have funds to meet this obligation.

## Copper Ridge

WE closed our meetings at this place May 21. In a former issue we reported eight added to the church, and seven baptized. Sabbath, May 20, we had a second baptism, when four souls were buried with their Lord in the watery grave, that they might arise, we trust, to walk in newness of life. On the same day two more were added to the church. There are two others that are in full harmony with the truth, whom we expect to see join the Lord's remnant band soon.

We praise the Lord for the good meeting in this place. We are now located at Lenoir City for a tent meeting. Pray, brethren and sisters, that the Lord will favor us here, so that a church may be established in this place to hold up the banner of truth.

MR. and MRS. J. L. SHULER.

Another Sunday bill is pending in Congress. We have petition blanks for all who ask for them and hope that you will use them in an effort to stop the passage of the bill.

Have you thought that you might be able to sell a few books or magazines to help pay your camp-meeting expenses? Send to the Tract Society for catalogue of supplies for Home Workers.

The camp-meeting can get along without you, but will be much better if you are present to take an active part in all the services. You cannot afford to miss the blessing. And be sure to bring the children and young people.

You have doubtless read Sister White's call in the *Review* for help to build the Memorial Church in Portland, Maine. Ten cents from each member is all that is asked for. Give your donation to your church treasurer, or send to the conference office.

ELIZA WARNER

## South Carolina News

BROTHER S. H. Swingle is quite sick with typhoid fever.

W. K. Turner is home from Atlanta where he has been taking treatment at the sanitarium.

Brother Manous reports that the canvassers are all of good courage and doing good work.

Miss Mammie Swofford has returned from the Southern Training School at Graysville to her home in Cherokee.

The tent meetings at Greenville and Columbia still have a full attendance of interested listeners.

Elliston Warner and daughter Eliza of Spartanburg, and Joe Burdine of Campobello attended the Cherokee church last Sabbath.

The Mission School at Greenville closed May 11 with appropriate exercises. Sister Crichtow will join her husband in Columbia for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker of Battle Creek, Michigan, and Mrs. Underwood were visitors at the Spartanburg church last Sabbath at both the morning and afternoon services.

## Graysville Current

THE closing of the Southern Training School leaves Graysville a quiet little village for the summer.

We are glad to see so many of the students and teachers enter the canvassing work for the summer. Among those who left Graysville to enter that line of work are the following:—

Harlan Harrison and Raymond Davis, Kentucky; Edward Whittier and Sam Chung, Georgia; Walter Nelson and Mr. Parkins, Alabama; Miss Rochelle Philmon and Miss Gradye Brooke, Tennessee. Miss Effie Nelson is selling papers in the large cities of the South.

Last Sunday Brother Dillon left Graysville for Johnson City where he expects to conduct a tent effort.

Elder Thompson is at home for a few days getting ready for his journey to the General Conference meeting in Germany.

G. B. Lane has sold his possessions in Graysville, and expects to move to Indiana in a few days.

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## Cooking Oil Notice

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## Notice

ALL mail intended for W. E. Lanier should be sent to Raleigh, N. C.

## Florida Notice

We again call attention to the time of the Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention to be held in Brooker, June 10, 1911. Let the nearby schools and all isolated ones be well represented at this convention.

(Graysville Current)

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Professor VanKirk is busy getting the calendar for 1911-12 ready for distribution; Professor Miller is teaching some private classes made up of persons who desire to perfect their knowledge of mathematics and the sciences.

Brother Lon Russell has moved to Chattanooga where he expects to carry on his business of selling cooking oil.

The patronage of the sanitarium is good. The doctor and his assistants are kept busy all the time.

## Canvassing Report

Southeastern Union Conference

(Week ending May 20)

Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Value,	Helps,	Total,	Del.
<b>FLORIDA</b>							
Anna Orr	S of P	4	2	2.50	1.50	4.00	
F. M. Haegart	S of P	16	9	11.25	4.50	15.75	
W. A. Philpott	DR	29	2	4.00	6.20	10.20	13.25
Hugh Jones	DR	20	20	30.00	6.95	36.95	44.50
Geo. Smith	CK	25	14	26.00	4.25	30.25	92.75
Hattie Reed	BFL	15	16	19.45		19.45	4.85
Bertha Graham	GC	12	3	10.00	.50	10.50	4.00
Pearl Graham	CK	10	3	4.00	1.00	5.00	2.50
T. C. Grant	CK	14					10.50
H. L. Harvey	CK	16					19.50
Walter Walker	CK	25		124.00		124.00	
Allen Walker	CK	25		96.00		96.00	18.00
C. A. York	DR	18	6	15.00	.50	15.50	4.00
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>							
J. B. Rise	DR	40	3	7.00	10.50	17.50	15.50
H. Park	GC	37	10	31.00	7.50	38.50	1.50
Miss Mary Presley	CK	26	8	12.00	3.75	15.75	
Miss Anna Presley	CK	26	9	14.00	3.25	17.25	.50
W. H. Armstrong	CK	24	19	29.00	3.00	32.00	26.25
C. L. Belue	DR	5	1	2.00	1.25	3.25	16.75
C. H. Holland	CK	5	9	14.00	1.00	15.00	1.75
G. B. Case	DR	2	1	2.00	1.50	3.50	1.00
<b>CUMBERLAND</b>							
L. D. Wright	GC	49	14	47.00	1.50	48.50	
J. C. Aust	CK	20	8	12.00	.80	12.80	.25
C. M. Cochran	PPF	25					34.75
Arthur Dunock	GC	27	2	5.00	2.00	7.00	4.50
J. A. Caldwell	BFL	47	17	18.00	3.75	21.75	1.25
R. A. Judy	PPF	40	5	9.00	.50	9.50	99.60
Jas. Donaldson	PPF	20	23	12.00		12.00	
<b>GEORGIA</b>							
John W. Willeford	BR	57	5	19.00		19.00	
D. A. Fisher	GC	27			3.50	3.50	33.60
S. T. Walker	GC	21	2	6.00	3.50	9.50	7.00
J. A. Sudduth	BFL	50	37	54.00	10.00	64.00	8.50
W. H. Tarver	BFL	13	6	6.50	1.25	7.75	1.50
E. E. Kurtz	PGH PPF	91	43	120.00	10.25	130.25	14.15
R. M. Carter	PPF	90	71	209.00	9.00	218.00	31.25
N. A. Reiber	PPF	55	42	79.50	5.50	85.00	
Carl Mathews	PPF	10					28.00
M. J. Weber	PPF	29	7	9.00	3.85	12.85	21.10
J. M. Lewis	PPF	10	1	2.00		2.00	6.50
I. T. Merchant	CK	32	13	13.50	18.50	32.00	
Miss E. Zook	CK	22	9	14.50	5.00	19.50	
J. Thompson	CK	32	13	20.50	2.45	22.95	5.45
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>							
R. L. Underwood	DR	23	31	105.00		105.00	
Mrs. W. E. Lanier	BFL	15					12.00
W. E. Lanier	BFL	19					36.50
Bertha Ingram	CK	26	7	10.50	1.00	11.50	1.00
Dora Rudlacil	CK	24	6	9.00	1.00	10.00	1.00
Lagan Ingram	BFL	34	12	12.50	.50	13.00	1.50
G. L. Kerley	DR	40	3	8.00	.75	8.75	1.75
J. Husband	DR	40	9	22.00	.75	22.75	.75
Mrs. E. A. Wing	Misc	21	4	7.00	.75	7.75	6.75
J. W. Siler	GC	21	12	26.00	1.50	27.50	1.50
W. H. George	GC	23	6	14.00	2.00	16.00	2.00
J. P. Allran	CK	46	48	73.50	3.00	76.50	3.00
John Allran	CK	16	21	34.00	1.25	35.25	1.25
<b>Summary</b>							
Florida	Total	145	75	341.40	25.50	366.90	207.50
South Carolina	Total	165	60	111.00	31.75	142.75	63.35
Cumberland	Total	251	52	108.50	11.75	120.25	147.10
Georgia	Total	539	249	553.50	72.80	626.30	157.65
North Carolina	Total	348	159	321.50	12.50	334.00	64.00
Grand Total		1448	595	1435.90	154.30	1590.20	639.60