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## The Petrified Fern (Its History)

In a valley centuries ago,  
Grew a little fern leaf, green and  
slender,  
Veinings delicate and fibers tender;  
Waving when the wind crept down  
so low.  
Rushes and mosses and grass grew  
'round it,  
Playful sunbeams darted in and  
found it,  
Drops of dew stole in by night and  
crowned it,  
But no foot of man e'er trod that  
way—  
Earth was young and keeping holiday.  
Monster fishes swarm the silent  
main;  
Stately forests waved their giant  
branches;  
Mountains hurled no snowy avalan-  
ches.

Mammoth creatures stalked across  
the plain;  
Nature reveled in grand mysteries,  
But the little fern was not of these.  
Did not number with the hills and  
trees,  
Only grew and waxed in its wild,  
sweet way,—  
No one came to note it day by day.

Noah's deluge put the earth in an-  
gry mood—  
Heaved the rocks and changed the  
mighty motion  
Of the deep. Strong currents of the  
ocean  
Moved the plain and shook the  
haughty wood;  
Crushed the little fern in soft, moist  
clay,  
Covered it and hid it safe away.  
Oh! the agony; Oh! life's bitter  
cost,  
Since that useless little fern was  
lost!

Useless? Lost? There came a  
*thoughtful* man  
Searching nature's secrets far and  
deep;  
From a fissure in a rocky steep  
He withdrew a stone o'er which  
there ran  
Fairy pencilings, a quaint design,  
Veinings, leafage, fibers, clear and  
fine;  
And the fern's life lay in every line!  
So I think God hides some souls  
away,  
Sweetly to surprise us the last day.  
—Arranged.

## Is An Education Worth While?

No doubt there are many young  
people throughout the Southland

who are asking themselves the above  
question, and to such we would re-  
ply positively in the affirmative.  
Perhaps you have seen some indivi-  
dual with but a "practical" educa-  
tion, who has made a success in life,  
and have allowed yourself to believe  
that after all, this is all that is neces-  
sary. If so, allow us to disabuse  
your mind of any such a thought at  
once; for where one man has suc-  
ceeded under such conditions, scores  
have failed for want of a theoretical  
education upon which to build.  
Then, too, what might that man have  
accomplished had he availed himself  
of a thorough education while young?  
It is just as absurd to cite the career  
of the "practical" man as proof  
that a theoretical training is of no  
value, as to argue that tobacco is  
harmless because you happen to know  
some individual who has been addict-  
ed to its use for years, and whose  
health, to outward appearances, has  
not been impaired.

If you do not see your way clear  
to attend school, take for your motto  
that old resolution: "I'll find a way or  
make one," and begin at once to lay  
plans to spend the coming year at  
school. It is the young man or wo-  
man who "makes a way," who is  
most likely to appreciate and make  
good use of his or her opportunities.  
You need the training; we need  
your patronage; and the cause of God  
needs your service, the value of  
which will be much increased by a  
preparation, such as the Southern  
Training School is prepared to give  
you.

Be here for the opening day, Sep-  
tember 13. R. V. CORY.

My son attend unto wisdom; he  
that getteth wisdom loveth his own  
soul.—Solomon.

### Among the Conferences

It is held by some that first impressions are most lasting. If this be true it is quite important that the first impression should be a favorable one. I had heard much of Graysville, —its training school and sanitarium, which make it a very important center for our work, and had determined in advance to like it if possible, regardless of faults or conditions.

My first impressions on arriving at the village, nestled among the mountains, were that the location for a training school is ideal. Students are free from the temptations and resorts of city life. The buildings and grounds are nicely and conveniently arranged. With a good faculty, separate dormitories for gentlemen and ladies, with preceptor and preceptress in charge, the natural anxiety in the hearts of parents who send their young men and women away from home and parental care to be educated for the Master's service should be greatly lessened. Some improvements must be made, and a better library provided; more facilities for manual work must be added: but all these will come in time.

The Lord will hold parents responsible if they neglect the education of their children, with all these opportunities and facilities before them.

The sanitarium likewise has the advantage of being away from the noise, smoke, impure air, and business hurry of the city. It might properly be named "The Rural Health Retreat." It is situated on the side of the mountain, with a beautiful view of the valley before it. Excellent, pure, spring water, lovely pine and shade trees throwing off the life-giving oxygen; plenty of well cooked food, kind attendants, skillful medical and surgical aid, with nights always cool enough, even in midsummer, to require some cover—all these are found at the Graysville Sanitarium. If all our people will call the attention of their friends and neighbors to our sanitariums and methods of treatment, these institutions will prove to be a most powerful factor in breaking down prejudice and opening the way for other points of our faith.

Leaving Graysville for brief calls at Chattanooga and Atlanta, my duties next led me through the cotton fields of Georgia, to Florida. One naturally draws a mind picture

of a country in advance, and mine was spread out before me on mental canvass, with cypress trees covered with moss, dripping from frequent rains; dense cane brakes, with here and there swamps, and between them thick forests. Instead, I found a level, white, sandy soil covered with pines, with here and there beautiful lakes. I also found that the people there are much alive, and determined to make a second California out of their state. At Jacksonville and Fort Ogden, we held excellent Young People's and Educational Conventions. Lectures were also given at St. Petersburg, Tampa, and Orlando.

The instruction given was largely along spiritual lines and it was a pleasure to meet so many happy, intelligent, fine looking young people, and to see them respond to the influence of the Holy Spirit "In the days of their youth." Some were converted and we have good evidence to believe that these conventions will prove a permanent blessing.

H. M. HIATT.

### Lenoir City, Tennessee

The brethren in the conference will be pleased to learn how God is prospering His work in this new field. There was an effort on the part of the ministers here to prevent us from securing a location for our tent, but it was not successful. This shows what we shall have to meet in the near future, when the Church Federation movement becomes more thoroughly organized.

The leading church of the place has started a revival, and other churches are preparing to do the same; but the truth has a drawing power and the people continue to come. The truth is making friends, and a good class of people is attending our services. Because of his lecture at the tent, on "Our Nation in Prophecy," Brother Shuler, by invitation from friends, spoke on the principles of religious liberty, at the 4th of July celebration. His lecture was published in full in the city paper.

We have organized a Sabbath-school of sixteen members, and we are glad to report a number of new Sabbath-keepers. Many are in the

valley of decision, and we have hopes that a few more will decide for the truth. Our collections have been quite good. We have received over \$60 up to the present time, so we will have some in excess of our expenses. We are all of good courage and rejoice in what God is doing for us.

With much pleasure we are looking forward to our camp-meeting, and hope that the presence of the Lord's people and the good meetings we anticipate, will help others to accept present truth. We ask the earnest prayers of God's people in behalf of the work here.

J. B. LOCKEN,  
J. L. SHULER.

### Cumberland Conference

The eleventh annual session of the Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting, at Lenoir City, August 24 to September 3, 1911, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the conference. The first business meeting will be held Friday, August 25, at 9 A. M. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one for each additional ten members. Delegates should be elected by the churches, and their names forwarded at once to the conference secretary. The secretary has furnished each church with credentials, including a few for alternates.

Elder Thompson has just informed us that the General Conference has voted for Elder Gilbert, the converted Jew, to attend our camp-meeting. Elder L. A. Hansen will be present to represent the medical missionary interests. With the promise of these general brethren in connection with our union help, and the workers of our own conference, we are planning for the best camp-meeting that has ever been held in the Cumberland Conference.

The object of holding our camp-meeting at Lenoir City this year is to assist our brethren who are holding tent-meetings there raise up a church in that place. With this missionary idea uppermost in our minds, and the carrying out of the Lord's instructions in holding camp-meetings, let all our people begin

at once to plan to attend this meeting. Come praying and believing and God will not suffer us to be disappointed in making this the best camp-meeting that we have ever held.

P. G. STANLEY, *President*.

### North Carolina Camp-meeting

THE time for our annual gathering has come, and in a few days I hope to meet you on the camp-ground.

All will be pleased to learn that Elder F. C. Gilbert, of South Lancaster, Mass., will attend the meeting. Brother Gilbert is a converted Jew, and will have some very interesting instruction for us.

At this writing we expect, in addition to the laborers mention in our previous notice, that we shall see Elder Jeys at our meeting. He comes representing school work for the colored people. Elder C. B. Stephenson, vice-president of the Southeastern Union, is also expected.

Our meeting gives promise of being the largest ever held in North Carolina, and surely we should pray that it may be the most spiritual and helpful; for as we near the close of time we are in greater need than ever before of the power of God.

The workers meeting will begin Friday, July 28, and the camp-meeting, Thursday, August 3.

Family tents for use at the camp-meeting, at High Point, should be ordered at once. Rent for tents will vary according to the quality of the tent, from \$1.00 to \$2.50. The most of them will be \$2.50. Tent-flies and floors will be 50 cents extra. Rooms can probably be rented not far from the camp, but we cannot give prices at this time. We expect to have a dining tent again this year where meals will be served at as reasonable a price as can be afforded.

Come, brethren and sisters, prepared to work for others and to receive a blessing yourselves.

GEO. M. BROWN.

### North Carolina Items

A NEW tent 48x68 has been ordered for the use of the colored workers. Several have already taken their stand for the truth at New Bern,

and the meetings continue to be attended by large congregations of interested people. When the effort is finished there, it is expected that Brethren Scott and Shepard will move to Wilmington.

The attendance at the Greensboro tent-meeting continues to be quite encouraging. Some are deeply interested and we believe that several will accept present truth. Pray for Elder Nash and his associates.

We expect that several new canvassers will enter the field after camp-meeting. If you have been thinking of taking up this work, why not decide to come to the camp-meeting prepared to go from there to the field?

The tithe for the conference year just closed has been about \$360 more than for last year. There has also been a substantial gain in the offerings to foreign missions.

We understand that Elder Wells closed his ten effort, at Asheville, Sunday night, July 10. Though the attendance at this meeting was not large, we are informed that some took their stand for the truth.

### The "Watchman"

OUR expectations were realized and more. Our July edition was completely sold out and ran short of filling all orders.

This we believe is the Lord's spirit working on the multitude for He has said that "*The Watchman* will do its appointed work wherever it goes" (Statement of Mrs. E. G. White, Sanitarium, Cal.) Our August edition will deal with the question of the hour: the struggle between capital and labor, or the "war without armies between masses and classes." This is our great message for August, to the masses whom the Lord has said should have it.

Our leading editorial, "The widening Gulf" will take up the question involved in the trial of the labor leaders for dynamiting the Los Angeles Times Building, and will show it to be but the struggle of two desperate forces existing in this country.

"The Church vs Labor Unions," by the editor, is a strong article on the relationship of the Church to the Trades Union.

"Patience in Perplexity, or Tokens

of the End," by C. P. Bollman, shows that we have need of patience in the last days "when perilous times shall come," (Jas. 5:7), for these conditions just precede the coming of our Lord.

"The Swing of the Pendulum, then Armageddon" by J. E. Fulton, is a striking article on the acute conditions in the far East. The pendulum of Anglo-Saxon conquest has swung afar eastward. It has reached the outer circle, for the defeat of the Russians turned all eyes upon Japan, who thrust back the great Caucasian tide that threatened to engulf her, and sent the pendulum with mighty impetus upon its return swing. What will be the outcome?

Students of prophecy should not fail to read this article. Isn't this a good, all-round number to circulate among your friends? The *Present Truth Evangelizer* is growing stronger and better with each issue. One dollar a year. Five to forty copies, five cents; over that number, four cents. Order through your conference tract society.

### Our Literature

Our magazines are creating an interest among all classes of society. They are handled by the rich, by the poor, by the common people, and by those in professions. We have as our special representatives doctors, clergymen, Sunday-school Superintendents, Y. M. C. A. officers, a manager of a telegraph company, college students, professors, busy housewives, children, old people, mechanics, day-laborers, book-keepers, etc., etc. Our last recruit is the manager of a Postal Telegraph-Cable Company in one of the large cities in the South, who has just ordered twenty-five copies of the last issue of the *Protestant Magazine*. So you need not be backward about mentioning the excellence of our magazines and the advantages of magazine salesmanship to those about you, no matter what their religious, political, or social opinions may be. Tell them to send for sample copies of *Watchman*, *Life and Health* and *Liberty*, or the *Protestant Magazine*, and secure rates from their publishers.

A number of subscription book-agents are finding out that it pays them to sell copies of the above mentioned magazines each Saturday evening. These sales enable them to pay their room rent and incidental expenses while they are waiting to make their deliveries. Speaking of this plan, one of our union missionary secretaries writes:

"I ordered 250 copies of *Life and Health* to sell, in order to get one of our men started. He is a beginner, and was without a cent to hold himself up while he took orders for a delivery; and I wished to prove to him that it was possible to start without a cent. We also sold some small books, and he will now be able to go on for a delivery.

I am advising our city workers to pay their room rent with the maga-

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YOUR first chance to buy the highest grade of deodorized vegetable cooking oil direct from refinery and save middle-man's profit. Pure, healthful, delicious. Bbl. (50 gallons), 60 cents a gallon; one-half bbl. (31 gallons), 62 cents a gallon; 5-gallon can, \$3.50; 4 one-gallon cans, \$3.20. Cash with order.

LOOKOUT COOKING OIL CO.,  
Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Correction Notice

IN our previous issue, dated July 19, under the heading of South Carolina which read, "gain in deliveries over last year, \$2011.50," should have read—" \$1011.50."

The Georgia Conference

THE eleventh annual session of the Georgia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting, at Forsyth, Ga., Aug. 10-20, 1911, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such business as may come before the conference. The first business meeting will be held at 9 o'clock A. M., Friday, Aug. 11.

C. B. STEPHENSON, *President*,  
MRS. CALLA B. CLARK, *Secretary*.

Camp-meeting Notices for 1911

North Carolina, High Point Aug. 3-13  
Georgia, Forsyth.....Aug. 10-20  
Cumberland, Lenor City, Tenn.....  
.....Aug. 24 to Sept. 3  
Florida, Sanford....Sept. 28 to Oct. 9

The "Watchman"

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zines, and those who are trying it find it works well. After introducing their book, they arise to leave, and remember that they have an interesting paper on timely themes for the home, and ask the person to take one copy. This is done generally when the worker has failed to get an order for his book. It takes only about two minutes longer, and is most always successful."

—Exchange.

Report of the Canvassing Work in the Southeastern Union Conference, For June, 1911

Conference,	Agents,	Hours,	Orders,	Value,	Delivered.
Georgia,	23	2160	1148	\$2701.57	\$460.40
North Carolina	16	1485	758	1706.50	1059.75
Cumberland	16	1298	535	1163.16	432.75
Florida	14	646	432	948.00	578.95
South Carolina	6	773	171	403.40	215.30
Total	75	6362	3044	6922.63	2747.15

This is the banner month for the book work in the Southeastern Union Conference. The value of orders being \$828.00 larger than any previous month. We are very thankful for these blessings, but we believe there are greater things yet in store for us, if we remain faithful, and keep pushing the work.

V. O. COLE.

Canvassing Report

Southeastern Union Conference

(Week ending July 8)

Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Value,	Helps,	Total,	Del.
<b>GEORGIA</b>							
J. D. Andrews	GC	74	14	40.00	21.00	61.00	4.75
S. T. Walker	GC	23	3	13.60	6.00	19.00	
D. A. Fisher	GC	16	1	5.00	7.50	12.50	6.00
W. C. Cheek	CK	74	61	99.00		99.00	
J. Thompson	CK	29	40	61.50	10.50	72.00	2.10
M. J. Weber	BFL	34	23	33.25	1.05	34.30	11.00
W. H. Tarver	BFL	15	23	25.50	4.00	29.50	
J. A. Sudduth	BFL	47	25	37.50	17.65	55.15	3.50
R. E. Williams	BFL PPF	?	30	32.25		32.25	32.25
N. A. Reiber	PPF	27	21	38.00	6.00	44.00	
E. E. Kurtz	PGH PPF	30	23	62.50	13.50	76.00	3.25
R. M. Carter	PGH PPF	35	26	73.35	4.75	78.10	3.00
Jno. Wright	PGH PPF	23	4	11.50		11.50	
R. O. Terry	DR	16	15	45.00	7.30	52.30	3.00
J. W. Willeford	BR	41	3	11.00		11.00	43.50
S. H. Lilly	BR	75	29	102.00	.75	102.75	
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>							
W. H. George	GC	50	60	205.00	5.15	210.15	5.15
J. P. Allran	CK	46	36	56.50	3.50	60.00	3.50
John Allran	DR	41	17	67.00	3.25	70.25	3.25
R. L. Underwood	DR	35	22	52.00	3.75	55.75	3.75
J. W. Siler	GC	25	11	35.00	2.25	37.25	2.25
Mrs. J. W. Siler	BFL	8	8	8.00		8.00	
Dora Rudacil	SP	44	15	17.50	2.00	19.50	2.00
C. E. Rudisail	CK	50	19	28.50	1.25	29.75	1.25
Mrs. E. A. Wing	Misc	7	2	2.00	4.75	6.75	6.75
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>							
G. B. Case		42	2	8.00	20.50	28.50	5.50
C. H. Holland		22	10	15.50	5.25	21.75	3.25
G. L. Kerley		17	2	6.00		6.00	
J. B. Case		12	1	3.00		3.00	
A. L. Manous		6	2	4.00	1.20	5.20	5.20
<b>CUMBERLAND</b>							
Ed Whittier	PPF	45	12	18.50		18.50	17.00
Edna Bryan	BFL	6					16.50
Maggie Clark	BFL	2	5	3.45		3.45	
W. E. West	PPF	33	12	22.00	4.00	26.00	2.50
Arthur Dinock	GC	32	6	14.00	16.15	30.15	14.55
Miscellaneous		43	17	25.50	.50	26.00	
<b>FLORIDA</b>							
Allen Walker	DR	18		63.00		63.00	8.00
Walker Bergham	DR	43		61.00	40.00	101.00	2.90
H. L. Harvey	CK						12.50
Anna Orr	SP	20	5	6.25	8.25	14.50	24.50
F. M. Haegart	SP	20	4	5.00	8.95	13.95	25.00
Hugh Jones	DR	20		93.00	9.75	102.75	36.00
<b>Summary</b>							
Florida	Total	60	70	228.25	67.00	295.20	107.90
Cumberland	Total	246	52	83.45	20.65	104.10	50.55
Georgia	Total	538	341	690.35	100.00	790.35	113.35
North Carolina	Total	306	190	471.50	25.90	497.40	27.90
South Carolina	Total	99	17	36.50	26.95	63.50	13.95
Grand Total		1249	670	1510.05	240.50	1750.55	313.65