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Our October Offering

THE first Sabbath in October has been set apart by the General Conference as the day when the annual offering shall be taken up to assist in the carrying of this last message to the colored people in the country.

A good work has begun, and hundreds are now rejoicing in the present truth. But there are millions who have never had the privilege of hearing about the soon coming of our Saviour, and the preparation that must be made in order to meet Him in peace. The work is soon to close in this field, and now is the best time we will ever have to do this work. In Vol. Nine of "Testimonies", page 226, I read, "Thousands of colored people in the South may now be uplifted, and become human agents to help their own race, if they can receive the help God is calling upon us to give them."

The great question is, Shall we give them the help needed just now?

The Lord has greatly blessed the efforts put forth in the past, and we are sure that if we can get the means to push the work forward that the results will be far greater than if we delay.

We see the things coming that we have been told would come, that will make this work very difficult. The field will soon be closed, and what we do must be done quickly.

I wish to appeal to all our people to help this work at this time. Lay plans now to bring a good, liberal offering. Let all our workers, conference and church officers, do all they can to make this the banner year for raising funds to help this needy field.

May the Spirit of God bless us all

abundantly in the effort to finish this work.

A. J. HAYSMER.

The Florida Camp-meeting

THE time is very near at hand for our camp-meeting and, the eighteenth annual session of the Florida Conference. These will be held jointly, September 28 to October 9, at Sanford.

Elder Parmele, has gone there to make arrangements for this meeting and for the tent meeting, which is to precede the camp-meeting, and sends word that everything is being granted that is asked for.

The mayor of Sanford has granted the use of the city park for our camp-meeting, and a lot only one block distant from the park, stated by the cashier of the bank to be the best one in town, has been secured for the tent effort. The tent in this lot will afford a favorable place for the young people's meetings.

Our new tents have come, and are nice ones indeed. These, with two large houses across the paved road from the camp, which will be rented, will enable us to make our campers comfortable. We are expecting a large attendance.

If we, by being absent, lose the great blessing the Lord has for His people at this annual feast, it will be a loss which can not be regained. Can we not all come, and with a "good report"?

Do you remember the following resolution passed at our last camp-meeting—

"Resolved that we as members, of the Conference, put forth special

efforts during the coming year, by visiting neighbors, giving Bible-readings, selling or giving away tracts, and far as possible sell our good books; and also that we make an effort to bring at least one person into the truth the coming year, and, if possible, induce him to attend camp-meeting next year".

Our workers are all coming to camp with those whom their labors have brought into the truth. Will it be possible for every one of you to bring one at least? There is yet time for diligent efforts.

MRS. R. G. STRINGER.

Sunday News in South Carolina

DOUBTLESS the readers of FIELD TIDINGS noticed the statement in a issue that Brother J. M. Swofford was arrested for Sunday labor. The trial was held at the house of the magistrate, near Cherokee S. C., Aug. 8. It was my privilege to attend the trial, and counsel with the brethren concerning it.

Elder W. H. Branson and Brother E. H. Evens were already present on our arrival. We went into a private room together, and there asked God for wisdom to say and do only that which would bring honor to the cause of God. The specific offence for which the action was taken was the sowing of a bucketful of cow-peas on the early morning of July 16. The South Carolina law speaks of doing common labor on the Lord's day commonly called the Sabbath.

Brother Swofford pleaded not guilty to this charge. The magistrate ruled that the Bible must not be used to establish which day is the

Sabbath—a ruling very necessary of course, if Sunday was to be construed as the Sabbath. It was soon very plain that no adverse decision would be reached. Public sentiment was divided. While all conceded that Brother Swofford was a good neighbor, there were some who, moved by intolerance, were keen to see him convicted.

The opportunity to circulate literature was embraced. A fine of one dollar was imposed. As in most prosecutions for Sunday labor, a personal pique was at the bottom of the difficulty. It was simply the attempt of an individual to "get even".

The refusal of the court to listen to the Bible, and the oft repeated statement of the prosecuting attorney that "it is the law of South Carolina that is to be obeyed", suggested the text used at a night meeting held in our own church on the night following: "We have a law and by our law, he ought to die". Jno. 19:7.

Our brethren are full of courage. We see that the storm is coming and cannot be long delayed. Now is the time to work for our neighbors and friends.

T. H. JEYS.

The Colored Work in Florida

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for His guiding hand in the work here. The Beacon Light Gospel Tent meetings began Thursday night, May 24. From time to time our tent, forty by sixty, was crowded. The advertising of our meetings, almost daily, in the news papers, has added much to the attendance.

As we see the honest in heart come out of Babylon, and turn from their wicked lives, we know that God is at the helm.

Sunday, June 25, sixteen persons were baptized. Twelve of these were added to the Jacksonville Church. Others we trust will follow soon. We are of good courage in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand the wiles of the devil.

The readers of this will please remember that the Florida Camp-meeting for colored people will be held at Sanford, September 28 to October 9. All are invited to attend. Let all of our people in Florida plan

to be there on time. Every church should be represented. Come and receive blessings that you may be a blessing to others. Come prepared to help the cause at home and abroad. Remember the word of the Lord, "None shall appear before me empty." Ex. 23:15.

Let all of the canvassers come. We hope to have a canvassers' institute begin just before the camp-meeting closes, and continue a few days after. Meals will be served on the ground at 20 cents a meal.

J. W. MANNS,

1934 Davis Street, Jacksonville, Fla.

High Point Camp-meeting

THE camp-meeting held at High Point, August 3-13, was one that will be remembered by every one that attended the meeting. Throughout the whole time of the encampment God's blessing was felt in a marked manner.

Two days before the opening session we found several of our Conference brethren on the ground, planning for the work, and getting the camp ready.

Thursday night, at eight o'clock, Elder G. M. Brown, president of the North Carolina Conference, preached the opening sermon. Each morning, at 6 o'clock, a praise and testimony service was held, in which nearly all took part. In seeking the Lord thus early in the morning for guidance through the day's duties, all seemed to get help needed for the day.

At 9 A. M. each day, the Conference meeting was held in which reports of the past year's work were read, and plans for the year coming were laid. Harmony characterized all the meetings, and all received a blessing by attending.

11 A. M., 3 P. M., and 8 P. M. were the hours for the preaching services. In the evening, meeting, the large pavilion was full, and many stood on the outside. The people of the city came out in large numbers in the evening, and all gave the best of attention. Many came for truth, and they were not disappointed. God blessed the speakers in giving them power to present the truth in a clear and forceful manner. Since the camp-meeting, a tent effort has been carried on, and those who became interested are now studying the Bible further.

The following were elected to serve the Conference for the coming year: Elder Geo. M. Brown, President; Elder M. H. Brown, Secretary and Treasurer; Brother W. E. Lanier, Field Missionary Agent; and for the Conference Committee, Elder Geo. M. Brown, Elder R. T. Nash, Brethren W. E. Lanier, H. R. Hahn, and T. J. Woodall.

The book tent carried a full line of our books and many improved the opportunity of getting a supply of books and tracts for use when they returned home. The canvasser is not the only one who can sell books. Every person who is interested in spreading the third angle's message can distribute our literature.

Sunday, August 13, twenty followed their Lord in baptism. Parents and children were drawn close together. Some parents saw the answer to their prayers when their children went forward in baptism, and many hearts were made glad for the way God had blessed His people.

At the close of the camp-meeting a canvasser's institute was held. Those who contemplated entering the canvassing work remained to consider plans, and to study better methods for carrying on this branch of the cause. Some twelve or more entered the canvassing field after the institute.

Thus the work in the North Carolina Conference is moving forward, and by the blessing of the Lord we hope to see great advancement this year.

M. H. BROWN.

South Carolina Notes

Mrs. A. H. Evers started for Washington Saturday night, with her little daughter, Florence, who has been suffering with infantile paralysis. It is hoped that a good course of treatment at the Sanitarium will benefit her.

Mrs. J. A. Cleveland spent six weeks at the Takoma Park Sanitarium, and returned to Spartanburg last week, much improved in health.

Mrs. Carrie B. Spake was hurt in a run-away accident, but no bones were broken, and she is making a good recovery.

The colored brethren had a good camp-meeting at Columbia. The

last day of the meeting fifteen were baptized.

If you have not placed a standing order for lesson quarterlies, now is the time to send for them. Addresses South Carolina Tract Society, Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. R. M. Carter and children are spending a few days at Cherokee.

Mrs. Elliston Warner has returned to her home in Spartanburg, after spending several weeks with her son, in Washington, D. C.

Miss McHugh was in Spartanburgh from Friday until Sunday. After spending a short time in Tryon, N. C., she will make Greenville her field of labor.

Brother A. H. Evers was called home from Woodruff last week on account of the illness of his daughter Florence, but has returned to the tent again. At this writing her symptoms show marked improvement, and her complete recovery is hoped for.

The canvassers who thought they could not attend camp-meeting were there and have now returned to their territory, and are having success in their work. Brother Carter helped Brother Holland make a good delivery last week.

Some write that they have already begun to lay plans to attend camp-meeting next year. Why cannot every one do likewise?

The Georgia Colored Camp-meeting

The first annual colored camp-meeting for this State was held in East Macon, Ga., beginning June 29, closing July 9. It was well attended by our people. Also the citizens of Macon attended well every evening.

The singing from "Christ in Song" was one of our effective drawing cards.

Instructions were given to canvassers, conducted by Brethren V. O. Cole, from the Union Conference, and Fulbright, from the Georgia Conference.

Sister E. Smith and Brother R. E. Williams were in charge of the dining tent.

At the business session, much consideration was given to all of the most important features

of our denominational work. Suitable resolutions were discussed and adopted, bearing upon our evangelical, educational, medical missionary, young people's society, canvassing, home, and foreign missionary work. A little less than \$200. was secured in cash and pledges on the \$300,000. fund, and other general donations on the Macon Church No. 2, in pledges.

The last Sabbath Elder Stephenson made a strong appeal in a sermon, for reconsecration of our lives and all to the cause of present truth. Every heart was touched, and felt the need of reviving. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated Sunday, the closing day of the camp-meeting. Twelve persons were lured in baptism.

As a result of this camp-meeting, six persons decided to keep the commandments.

The visitors from abroad were Elder T. H. Jeys, Miss Mary More, Mrs. J. W. Manns, and the writer.

Mrs. Daisy Terry was chosen as Sabbath-school and Young People's Secretary; her address is 116 W. Taylor St., Savannah, Ga.

J. W. MANNs.

South Carolina

Now that the camp-meeting is over, the workers are all scattering over the state to their various fields of labor and are getting busy in real earnest. The work at Woodruff has been followed up by the writer and Elder Webster. Brother Webster still remains there to do what can be done to establish the work. Soon after the camp-meeting was over the large tent was moved up town, and a new series of meetings begun; but at the same time the Baptists started a revival meeting in their new church, and this caused our attendance to fall off quite materially, as so many of those who came were members of that church. We believe, however, that the Lord has a people there and that some will accept the truth.

Brother A. H. Evers came to Woodruff recently to assist in work here, but had to return home soon, on account of the illness of his little daughter; but we hope that he shall soon be able to again take up the work of his choice.

Sister McHugh is on her way to Greenville to follow up the interest created there by the recent tent ef-

fort. This earnest Bible worker has been out of the work for some time, trying to regain her health, and we are glad to welcome her back.

Brother Carter, our new field agent, is busy starting new canvassers in the field, and the prospects for this branch of the work are very bright.

No doubt all have heard ere this that Brother J. M. Swofford was recently arrested for Sunday labor, and both he and his son were fined \$1.00. Brother T. H. Jeys, A. H. Evers, and the writer attended the trial, and spoke before the jury; but it was evident that "judgement had turned away backward", and that the spirit of persecution was in the hearts of the people. Surely the great crisis is right before us when the storm will burst in all its fury, and we shall not be permitted to even preach the truth to the people. We are in the finishing of the work today.

At the present the writer, together with Elder Chas. Thompson and Brother R. M. Carter, are on the colored camp-ground, at Columbia, preparing to begin the meeting of the camp to-night. A favorable location has been secured and we hope for a good meeting.

W. H. BRANSON.

Jewish Children's Day

We gathered in the palm-grove on Brother Gustave Schultz's place. A nice platform had been erected and carpeted. The organ was taken down, and Sister Schultz loaned us some of her fine potted plants for decoration.

Brother Myron Bird brought from the City some outside friends, in his fine power launch, and among them were the only Jewish couple in the vicinity, a merchant and his wife; also the chairman of the Board of Trade, who presided in place of Elder Parmele, who was detained.

The missionary spirit had taken possession of our little company of children, and in two weeks after the conception of the idea, they had made iron-holders, pin-cushions, etc., and sold them; they also disposed of souvenir plates, etc., in St. Petersburg, earning the sum of \$8.96.

At the close of the entertainment the Jewish merchant said, "We would not have taken \$25.00 and missed this service".

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Jewish Children's Day

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The program rendered by the children was carried out nicely. "They had the mind to work".

Some brought lunches from the city, and Sister Schultz had prepared a fine vegetarian lunch as an object lesson; so after the services all repaired to her house and ate a delightful meal.

All enjoyed the day, and we praise God for the opening wedge into two dear Jewish hearts. The collection was \$3.11.

Further details will appear in the September issue of the Jewish paper *Good Tidings of the Messiah*.

Yours in like precious faith.

MRS. ELIZABETH C. M. PHERSON.

Study At Home

"There's a Way"

THE Fireside Correspondence School announces its third annual opening on Monday, October 2, 1911. The past year we had 211 students on our roll. We are prepared to do better service this year than before. Several new studies have been added, and we can now give instructions in twenty-four subjects. I wish it were possible to express here

the satisfying results of studying by correspondence. Young people, teachers, workers, you will miss much if you fail to register for one or two studies at our new opening. Send for our calendar for full information, and call the attention of your friends to this notice. Address the school at Takoma Park, D. C., or, W.E. HOWELL, Principal.

Southeastern Union Campmeeting for 1911

Florida, Sanford, Sept. 28 to Oct. 9

Notice

HEREAFTER let all matter for FIELD TIDINGS be sent to the Editor.

Report of the Southeastern Union Conference's Canvassing Work During the Month of July, 1911.

Conference.	Agents.	Hours.	Orders.	Value.	Deliveries.
Georgia	21	1596	837	\$2039.00	\$465.20
North Carolina	10	1124	363	1736.85	149.60
Florida	10	317	145	868.50	400.30
Cumberland	14	742	214	540.65	243.00
South Carolina	5	170	70	210.80	85.35
Total	60	3978	1628	\$5395.80	\$1443.45

Canvassing Report

Southeastern Union Conference

(Week ending Aug. 12)

Name.	Book.	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Value,	Helps,	Total,	Del.
GEORGIA							
J. R. Wilber	PPF	108	50	76.00	8.90	84.90	
J. D. Andrews	GC	38	13	38.00	3.50	41.50	2.75
FLORIDA							
Allen Walker	DR	40	40	150.00		150.00	130.00
Hattie Reed	BFL	8		11.25		11.25	5.85
Anna Orr	S of P	15	1	1.25	12.00	13.25	
F. M. Haegart	S of P	15	6	10.50	2.25	12.75	
Gracie Hunter	PPF						10.00
Ja Jones	BFL	12	7	9.50	1.50	11.00	
CUMBERLAND							
E. D. Haskell	PPF	30			3.00	3.00	34.00
Arthur Dimock	GC	36	8	17.00	15.00	32.00	20.00
Maggie Clark	BFL	5	4	4.00	1.20	5.20	
W. E. West	PPF	60	10	15.00	19.45	34.45	5.75
Edna Bryan	BFL	24	40	40.00	28.30	68.30	
R. A. Judy	PPF	58	16	27.00	6.00	33.00	
W. Kirkham	PPF	32	14	29.00	10.25	39.25	
J. W. Purvis	PPF	24	4	6.50	4.25	10.75	
Ellis Howard	GC	44	16	32.00	27.00	59.00	2.00
Ed Whittier	PPF	45					56.50
L. D. Wright	PPF	58	19	28.00	10.50	38.50	
A. H. Foster	CK						79.00
SOUTH CAROLINA							
C. H. Holland	CK	30	32	57.00	5.75	62.75	5.00
J. A. Bookhart	BFL	40	24	34.50		34.50	
G. L. Kerley	DR	59	7	22.00	.50	22.50	.50
G. B. Case	DR	47	4	10.00	5.50	15.50	3.50
W. H. Armstrong	CK	12	5	7.50	.75	8.25	.25
W. P. Darnell	CK	30	17	17.50	1.55	19.05	
Summary							
Georgia	Total	146	66	115.00	12.00	126.40	2.75
Florida	Total	90	54	182.50	15.75	188.25	145.85
Cumberland	Total	416	131	193.50	124.95	323.45	197.25
South Carolina	Total	218	83	148.50	14.05	162.55	9.22
Grand Total		870	374	673.50	187.15	800.65	352.00