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# Sunday:Religious or Civil: Which?

IF Sunday is a religious institution, then the state can never properly have anything to say as to its observance, for it is not the province of the state to settle religious questions and command the observance of divine precepts. It might be proper for an ecclesiastical council to give consideration to such matters, but the function of the state is not ecclesiastical, but purely civil. Religion is a thing of the heart. It is the personal relation between man and his Creator. and for it we are amenable, nowhere except at the tribunal of the Universal Judge. Because, therefore, Sunday is an institution of the church, not of the state, and its observance is a religious act, Congress can never rightfully pass any law regulating its observance.

To parry the force of this, however, the claim is advanced that Sunday is not a religious but a civil institution; and, as the state should deal with civil matters, it should regulate the observance of the day.

But if Sunday is a civil institution, why should its observance be made compulsory? We have holidays - which are purely civil institutions; for example, Washington's birthday, the Fourth of July, and other legal holidays. But who ever heard of the observance of these days being made compulsory? When has a bill ever been introduced into any national or state legislature specifying how these days should be observed, and closing up all shops and business houses and places of recreation, under penalty of civil law? All would resent such a step and deem it tyrannical. But if Sunday is a civil institution, it is merely a holiday, and should be dealt with the same as other holidays.

Upon whichever horn of this dilemma, so called National Reformers impale themselves, it is equally fatal to their theory, and emphasizes the truth that legislation concerning Sunday is not within the province of the state.

G.B. T'HOMPSON, Washington, D.C.

# To The Canvassers Of The Southeastern Union

## Conference.

MY DEAR BRETHREN AND FEL-LOW WORKERS:---

As a rule canvassers in the Union have been very faithful in reporting to their respective field agents, and also to Brother Randall, yet I am sorry to say there are some who are a little careless in reporting their deliveries. It seems that a little more punctuality has been exercised in reporting the orders than the deliveries. While it is very necessary to get the reports for the work done in taking orders, yet it Is doubly necessary to get the report of the deliveries. The records are entirely incomplete without this, and the office is at sea, as to how to arrive at the ultimate result of your work. Will each kindly remember this, and send in promptly, the result of your deliveries, as well as your orders?

I am aware that there are many who do not need this admonition. To such, this of course does not apply. There are others in the Union who do not canvass regularly, but who do a little work around home as the op portunity present itself, who have

not reported regularly. Will you kindly send in to your field agent a record of all the books you have delivered since you made your latest report?

Very respectfully,

V. O. Cole.

#### **Cumberland Camp-meeting**

THE eleventh annual session of the Cumberland Conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Lenoir City, Aug. 24 to Sept. 3. From the first, there was a most encouraging interest from the outside, due to the eleven weeks tent meetings held in the city by Elders Locken and Shuler. The large pavilion seating six hundred people, was filled almost to overflowing each evening.

The attendance of our own people was somewhat smaller than the camp-meeting of the year previous; this being due perhaps in locating the meeting in this part of the conference; but the interest created by our tent meeting in this city made it imperative for us to follow up the interest by the camp-meeting.

Elders Locken and Shuler will remain and bind off the interest by another tent effort of a few weeks on the prophecies; then the little company of Sabbath-keepers of this place will move into their hall where they will be further developed and later organized into a church.

The business sessions of the conference passed off most pleasantly. The conference voted to finish if possible the \$300,000.00 fund in 1911, and raise the percapita to the foreign mission fund to fifteen cents a week, and give five percent of our tithe to the missions, and an equal amount to the sustentation fund. Resolutions were also passed on the educational, the canvassing, and periodical work. \$800.00 were pledged to missions, \$76.00 of this amount coming from the new company in Lenoir.

Pledges were made to the amount of \$52.50 to the Graysville Equipment Fund; \$27.45 for the paper for the blind; and \$14.00 for *Liberty*.

The two Sabbaths were marked with much of the blessing of the Lord, as sinners and backsliders came forward to give themselves to the Lord, a deep impression being made on those not of our faith. At the last Sabbath service thirteen youth were buried with their Lord in baptism.

The laborers present from the Un-Elders Thompson, ion were levs, Wells, VanKirk, Cole, and Professor Hiatt. Elder Hansen of Washington was present in the interest of the medical work, and Miller in the interest of the blind. The brethren and sisters returned to their homes full of courage, thankful for the blessing received at this meeting, realizing that a few more meetings of this kind, and the Lord's people if faithful, will be gathered to meet in the City of God.

P. G. STANLEY.

#### **Report from Georgia**

TENT meetings closed at Forsyth, Sunday night, September 9, with a tent well filled. A goodly number remained to express appreciation of the meetings and their conviction that we had presented the whole truth to them. Several have begun to keep all the commandments, and many more are planning to do so. Sister Whitgrove secured a good home, and the use of a nice parlor in which to conduct Sabbath meetings. She has all she can do in the Bible work. She is giving readings in one of the largest hotels in the city every Sunday afternoon to a large class of interested students.

The conference office has been moved to 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga. All remittances to Sister Clark should be addressed accordingly. For various reasons it seemed wise to the committee to make this change.

Encouraging reports come from all of the workers.

The time to take hold of the Har-

vest Ingathering work has come, and we hope the usual hearty interest will be taken in this good plan of reaching the people with the worldwide message, and at the same time gather a liberal sum for missions. Send in your orders to Sister Clark as soon as possible, and the same will be immediately filled. Last year this conference used about four thousand copies, and we trust that even a larger amount will be taken this year.

C. B. STEPHENSON.

#### South Carolina Items

A. H. EVERS came to Spartanburg Friday and this week is disposing of his goods. He will continue in the tent work with Elder Branson.

We hear that Brother and Sister Brown of the Battle Ground church have been arrested for Sunday labor. Full particulars have not been learned.

Sabbath, October 7, is the day set apart for the annual collection for the colored work. We hope that all will remember to come with a liberal offering.

The Missions Signs have been ordered and the outlook is bright for a rousing campaign this year. If you have not already ordered your papers, you should send to the Tract Sociey at once.

R. M. Carter spent Sabbath at home in Spartanburg. This week he is in Greenville getting a new canvasser started. We are glad to see the book work taking on a new lease of life and hope many will hear the truth through the printed page during the coming weeks.

Elder F. C. Webster called at the conference office Sunday for the first time. He will ship one of the tents to Charleston this week, and, assisted by Mrs. Webster and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Swingle, will soon begin an effort in that city. Mrs. M. C. Kenyon has already begun magazine work there with good success, and we hope that many of the honest souls in this our largest city will soon hear the truth and accept the message for this time.

We have been glad to receive some new subscriptions for *Christian Edu*cation of late. This is a magazine that should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home, and especially where there are children. The September-October number is the best we have seen and many of the articles are alone worth the price of the paper.

We have a quantity of "Ministry of Healing" on hand to supply those who ordered them at the camp-meeting and any others who may wish them. If you do not understand the plan of work with these books and *Life and Health* for the help of the Sanitariums, full information may be had by addressing the Tract Society.

Miss Eliza Warner has returned home after enjoying a vacation of two weeks in North Carolina. She spent September 15 and 16 at Campobello and found the church of good courage and the school prospering.

The Spartanburg church-school opened Monday, September 18 with thirteen pupils under the guidance of Miss Ada Acker. A suitable room has been provided in the church and all are taking hold of the work with enthusiasm.

Last Sabbath afternoon the Spartanburg church held a meeting at the home of Sister Stella Brown who has been sick for several months and not able to get to the church.

Elder and Mrs. Branson spent several days in Greenville encouraging the new believers there. Miss Mc-Hugh will do Bible work there this fall.

Florence Evers who is at the Takoma Park Sanitarium taking treatment for infantile paralysis is reported to be improving rapidly.

Orders are coming in for the Missions Number of the Signs. The outlook is encouraging for a successful campaign this year.

Sister Nora Acker of the Campobello church has been selling *Life* and *Health* successfully during the past week.

Some have decided to keep the Sabbath as a result of the work done, at Woodruff since the campmeeting,

Mrs. Annie Hammond is visiting her mother, Mrs.L. A. Tinsley near Campobello.

Mrs. A. H. Lancaster of Campobello is visiting at the home of her father, T. J. Burdine, near Easley.

Brother R. M. Carter went to Chesnee Monday, to help Brother Green in his preparation for the canvassing work.

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Ten Cent-a-week Fund for the Southeastern Union Conference for Eight Months Ending August 31 1911

Ending August 54, 1911										
Conf.	A. Off.	F. D. Off.	M. Sm.	Miss.	S. Sch.	H. Ing.	Totol	Should have Pres. Standing		
Cumberland	450.00	89.35	169.33	319.12	551.58	133.72	1713.29	1613.55	99.74	Over
Florida	728.95	67.45	134.54	397.21	970.32	103.63	2402.10	2352.66	49.44	,,
Georgia	137.38	25.68	132.68	228.22	574.75	197.21	1295.92	1165.92	130.00	,,
N. Carolina	138.32	32.56	43.81	195.47	292.56	51.76	748.48	975.07	226.59	Short
S. Carolina	76.14	31.54	18.05	99.11	257.70	91.85	574-39	607.25	32.86	,,
Ash. Miss.	76.05	36.63	49.96		57.50	6.45	226,59	197.79	28.80	Over
Total	1601.04	283.21	548.37	1239.13	2704.41	584.61	6960.77	6912.24	567.43	Over

The above figures are based on the following membership:— Cumberland 465, Florida 678, Georgia 336, North Carolina 281, South Carolina 175, Ashville Mission 57, ..... at the rate of \$3.47 per member.

W. H. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs J. L. Wagner have moved their residence from Rion to Columbia.

Mrs. A. J. Case of Spartanburg has gone to Chicago to visit her daughter.

Eliza Warner.

#### Notes from North Carolina

THE tent has been re-pitched in High Point and the interest still continues good. Some are embracing the truth. Sunday night, the 24th, the tent was filled and about one hundred were unable to secure seats. The Brethren Nash and Loy are of good courage and look for a good company there that will witness for the truth

The work at Newbern is prospering. The attendance last Sunday night was about 1000, and Brother Shepherd has a good interest at Merritt in an adjoining county, where a company of ten have begun the observance of the Sabbath. The interest there grew out of the work in Newbern. Someone from Merritt was visiting in Newbern and attended Brother Scott's meetings and embraced the truth, and returned home. She had so much opposition that she appealed for help, and Brother Shepherd went, and the result is a good company of Sabbath-keepers, with a prospect of more.

Brother Lanier tells me that the canvassers sold more books during the first two weeks of this month (September) than for any two weeks in our history in this conference We are glad to see this branch of the work prospering as it is.

#### A REQUEST

Reports from Sabbath-schools, librarians, Young People's Societies, as well as clerk's and treasurer's reports should be sent to M.H.Brown,

RESOURCES				
Personal Property (Inventory) \$1245.00				
Tent Eqiptment \$1200.00				
Office Furniture 45.00				
Mdse. (Tract Society Assts)	17.99			
Foreign Missions .	26.95			
Hamilton National Bank of Chattanooga	25.99			
Cash on hand	23.61			
Total resources		3039.54		
LIABILITIES				
Adelphian Tent Co.,		215.00		
General Trust Funds:				
	13.12			
Mid-summer Offering	7.25			
0	11.00			
Sustentation 5 per cent	•59			
Mission Tithe 5 per cent	·59			
	14.23			
	52.15	<b>9</b> 8.93		
Local Trust Funds:	•			
Canvassers' Fund 1	45.68			
Religious Liberty	26.68			
Orphan & Aged	21.17			
Negro Mission 2	45.25			
Literature Fund	3.62			
Kynett Fund 2	63.37	705.17		
Total Liabilities		1019.10		
Net present worth of the Cumberland Conference August 9,	1911,	2020.44		
Anna Kin	ALIN.	Treas.		

Financial Statement of the Cumberland Conference of Seventh-

day Adventists for Year Ending August 9, 1911

Greensboro, N. C. Let all church officers make a note of this, and not overlook it. All money also comes to the conference office as given above.

M. H. BROWN.

#### What Studies Do You Want?

THE Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C., is now giving instruction in the subjects in the following list:

Preparatory Studies Grammar Composition—Rhetoric Literature Arithmetic New Testiment Greek 11 Latin 1 Algebra Physiology and Hygiene **Bible Doctrines New Testament History** United States History General History Pedagogy and School Managment Penmanship Collegiate Studies Advanced Rhetoric Journalism Geometry Bookkeeping Stenography Typewriting, Office Routine Church History (Continued on page 4)

### FIELD TIDINGS

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What Studies do You Want? (Continued from page 3) New Testament Greek I Latin TT Hebrew 1 If any who are intetested will

check off the studies they would like to take up, cut out this list, and mail it to the school, a calendar of full information will be sent, showing how to enroll for the third annual opening, October 2 or later.

#### Health Food Premium Offer

No Seventh Day Adventist family should fail to secure one of our handsome 50 piece dinner sets while we are giving one free with each \$25.00 order, or if preferred, a beautiful \$8.00 Bible will be given We also have special Bible instead. offers on \$10.00 and \$15.00 orders. Better order quick.

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# Canvassing Report

## Southeastern Union Conference

	Southeast		, din a		ence		
	(24	weeks er	naing .	Sept. 9)	•		
Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords	., Value,	Helps,	Total,	Del
	so	итн (	CARC	DLINA			
G. F. Turner	GC	48	37	108.00	6.5Ô	114.50	
C. H Holland	CK	27	30	44.50	13.75	58.25	· -1 <del>.</del> 50· ·
J. M. Swofford	GC	44	16	53.00	4.95	57.95	
G. B. Case	DR	35	7	21.00	20.50	41.50	3.50
G. L. Kerley	DR	55	13	40.00	1.50	41.50	1.50
J. A. Brown	GC	43	6	21.00		21.00	
J. A. Bookhart	${\tt BFL}$	13	10	13.00		13.00	
G. L. Kerley	DR	47	10	31.00	.75	31.75	
G. B. Case	DR	38	4	9.00	7.00	16.00	2.50
W. H. Armstrong	-	3	3	3.00		3.00	
J.B. Rise	DR	9	1	2.00	.75	2.75	.75 `
F. Turner	GC	1	2	6.00		6.00	6.00
	NO	RTK	CARC	DLINA			
J. P. Allran	CK	46	54	47.50	3.50	91.00	3.50
W. E. Patterson	CK	34	25	37.50	4.00	41.50	4.00
E. E. Messenger	CK	49	27	43.00	2.25	45.00	2 25
N. D. Ingram	CK	23	20	30.00	4.75	34.75	4.75
John Allran	DR	22	12	43.00	-2.75	45.75	2.75
W. H. George	GC	42	35	110.00	5.00	115.00	5.00
Mrs. W. H. Geor	ge BFL	13	12	12.00		12.00	
		FLO	RID				
Walter Walker	DR	7	15	60.00		60.00	
Allen Walker	GC						10.00
Hattie Reed	BFL	24	6	5.00	.50	6.50	16.60
F. M. Haegart	S of P	20	9,	15.75	13.00	28.75	15.25
Bertha Graham	GC	24	4	4.25	14.00	18.25	15.25
Hazel Grahaın	CK	19	8	8.00	4.00	12.00	
		CUMB	ERL	AND			
L. D. Wright	$\mathbf{PPF}$	57	15	17.50	31.50	49.00	
Walter Kirkham	PPF	30				·.	112.00
W. E. West	PPF	_					107.30
L. D. Wright	PPF	50	16	27.00	3.00	30.00	
R. A. Judy	PPF	30		<b>a</b> t 00			72.00
Maggie Clark	BBL	22	17	21.00		21.00	5.00
Edna Bryan	BFL	7	18	21.50	.60	22.10	8.00
		GE	ORGI	A			
J. M. Lewis	PPF	5	5	11.75		11.75	*
J. A. Sudduth	BFL	19	10	15.00	5.50	20.50	4.50
S. T. Walker	GC	37	6	17.00	17.70	34.70	4,50
J. Thompson	CK	15					7.80
R. O. Terry	BFL PPF	15	8	10 00	.70	10.70	7.00
C. A. Maxwell	Misc.	2	5	13.00	.75	. 13.75	13.75
W. H. Tarver	BFL PPF	20	16	22.00	5.50	27.50	36.50
Miss Z. Howingt		8	4	4.00		4.00	2.00
Miss Kate Howan		22	5	5.00	3.00	8.25	5.25
J. A. Sudduth	BFL	33	12	17.75	15.30	33.05	3.50
W. C. Cheek	CK DCU DDE	45	39	62.00	.75	62.75	
Jno. Wright	PGH PPF PPF DR	43 57	6	13.50	1.10	14.60	
J. M. Lewis		57 20	32	61.00	8.20	69.20 22.00	
S. H. Lelly	BR	39 S	10	32.00		32.00	
Summary							
South Carolina	Total	363	139	352.00	55.70	407.20	16.50
North Carolina	Toaal	229	185	363.00	22.55	385.00	22.25
Florida	Total	. 93	42.	94.00	31.50	125.50	57.10
Cumberland	Total	243	66	87.00	35.10	142.10	304.30
Georgia	Total	338	148	284.00	58.50	342.50	85.20
Grand Tota	11	1066	580	1180.00	203.05	1402.30	485.35