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Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, of thee,
Home for eternity,
Of thee I sing.
Home glorious and bright,
Home where can come no night,
Abode of life and light,
Home of my King.
I love thy jasper walls,
On which no shadow falls
Of sins dark night.
Life's river flowing free,
Life's goodly fruitful tree—
These woo my heart to thee
From this world's blight.
Ye saints, shout loud your praise;
Your songs of triumph raise
In accents bold.
For such a home, O, sing!
Shout praises to our King;
To Him sweet tribute bring
A thousandfold.

—Songs of the Times

Organization

THAT the Lord in heaven is doing his work upon earth through a regular organized church, is emphasized by the following quotations taken from the book "Acts of the Apostles" pages 163, 164.

"God has made his church on earth a channel of light and power and thru it he communicates his purposes and his will. He does not give to one of his servants an experience independent of and contrary to the experience of the church itself. Neither does he give one man a knowledge of his will for the entire church while the church—Christ's body—is left in darkness. In His providence, He places His servants in close connection with His church, in order that they may have less confidence in themselves, and greater confidence in others whom He is leading out to advance His work.

"There have ever been those in the church who are constantly inclined toward individual independence. They seem unable to realize that independence of spirit is liable to lead the human agent to have too much confidence in himself, and to trust in his own judgement rather than to respect the counsel and highly esteem the judgement of his brethren, especially of those in the office that God has appointed for the leadership of his people.

"God has invested his church with special authority and power which no one can be justified in disregarding and despising: for he who does this despises the voice of God.

Those who are inclined to re-

gard their individual judgement as supreme, are in grave peril. It is Satan's studied effort to separate such ones from those who are channels of light, thru whom God has wrought to build up and extend his work in the earth. To neglect or despise those whom God has appointed to bear the responsibilities of leadership in connection with the advancement of the truth is to reject the means He has ordained for the help, encouragement, and strength of His people.

"For any worker in the Lord's cause to pass those by, and to think that his light must come thru no other channel than directly from God, is to place himself in a position where he is liable to be deceived by the enemy and overthrown."

These quotations are taken from the latest work of Sister White; they are clear and pointed and need no comment. They certainly deserve a wide circulation among our people, and to be carefully and prayerfully studied by all.

CHAS. W. THOMPSON.

Georgia Items

THE week of prayer, according to general report, was a great strength to all who followed out the program.

I spent the time among the Alpharetta, Atlanta and Macon churches. Following the closing reading, Sabbath the 16th, a good spirit came into the Atlanta church, and while we sang, "I surrender all", almost the entire church came forward

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and give their hands as a pledge of renewed consecration for better living and service.

Elder Thompson spent the first part of the week with the Atlanta church, the latter part with the Macon church. The Lord greatly blessed his efforts in both. I joined him in Macon Sunday, and assisted in a business meeting, and the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The Macon church building is now complete except a little inside painting. It is a nice, comfortable house. It cost about \$1200.

Sabbath, Dec. 23, was spent with the Atlanta church. The election of officers took place at that time. Everything passed off pleasantly and harmoniously.

We are very glad to say to the brethren and sisters in the conference, that Georgia has more than raised her quota of the ten-cent-a-week fund. We were something like \$250 behind. How is this for poor Georgia? We have passed from the crowfeeding condition to that of a supply station. Now let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and keep it turning, yes turning a little faster for 1912. Cannot the Sabbath-schools run their thermometers up a little, say ten per cent? We are much pleased to note the increase of the schools in 1911 over previous records. Some have given a hundred dollars as their goal, some have raised sixty dollars a quarter,—all done well.

Do you remember the action at the campmeeting that fifteen cents per capita should be raised, in 1912. To do this we must be faithful in the Sabbath offerings, and in paying our pledges. Now that the annual season has passed, we should begin to remit the amount of our pledges so that by campmeeting all will be in, and thus clear the way for renewed service. Let us work while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work. The day is far spent and the night is at hand, the night of eternal separation from God who is light with whom is no darkness at all. Because of transgression and wickedness, the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the world, and Satan is coming down with great power to deceive and darken the minds of the people. Only the word of God can protect the heart from his power. The words of the Lord are secure to us only as we impart them; so may

we all begin the new year by resolving that it shall be the best, the most active of our lives.

C. B. STEPHENSON.

Biennial Meeting of The Southern Training School Incorporated

THE regular biennial meeting of the Southern Training School incorporated, will be held in connection with the Southeastern Union Conference, at Graysville, Tenn., Jan. 8—18, 1912.

The first meeting of the corporation is called to convene at 3:30 P. M., Jan. 11, for the purpose of electing a Board of seven directors to serve during the coming biennial term, and transact other business, as may properly come before the association.

The delegates to this meeting are the regular authorized delegates that compose the membership of the conference.

R. L. WILLIAMS, *Pres.*
M. B. VAN KIRK, *Sec.*

At Stonewall and Gainesville, Georgia

AFTER coming to North Georgia from Cordele, I was asked to visit the Sabbath-keepers in Stonewall and Gainesville, and was at these places during the week of prayer.

At Stonewall, in addition to visiting the Sabbath-keepers, I visited all the homes in the village, inviting the people out to our meetings in the school-house. We held three meetings for those not of our faith with fair attendance. Altho few in number, our people here are full of courage and the missionary spirit, and rejoice in the hope of the soon coming Saviour.

At Gainesville I found the Sabbath-keepers, though few in number, of good courage and rejoicing in the message. Rain and bad weather largely interfered with the night meetings, but the readings conducted in the day proved to be of much benefit to all. While in Gainesville, I visited a number of people who seemed interested, and found them hungering for more light and truth. This city has about 1200 inhabitants and it is hoped that more work can

be done here soon to water the seed that have been sown.

There are three or four counties north and east of Gainesville where, so far as I was able to learn, the light of the third angel's message has never entered. Here in the Blue Ridge mountains are the homes of many honest-hearted people who are waiting for the last message of mercy. Who will take it to them? Who is willing to sacrifice for these dear souls now, and have the privilege of meeting some of them around the great white throne in the Kingdom of God?

F. C. CLARK

Transient Troubles

MOST of us have had troubles all our lives, and each day has brought all the evil that we wished to endure. But if we were asked to recount the sorrows of our lives, how many could we remember? How many that are six months old should we think worthy to be remembered or mentioned? To-day's troubles look large, but a week hence they will be forgotten and buried out of sight.

If you would keep a book, and every day put down the things that worry you, and see what becomes of them, it would be a benefit to you. You allow a thing to annoy you, just as you allow a fly to settle on you and plague you; and you lose your temper (or rather get it; for when men are surcharged with temper they are said to have lost it); and you justify yourselves for being thrown off your balance by causes which you do not trace out. But if you would see what it was that threw you off your balance before breakfast, and put it down in a little book, and follow it out, and ascertain what becomes of it, you would see what a fool you were in the matter.

The art of forgetting is a blessed art, but the art of overlooking is quite as important. And if we should take time to write down the origin, the progress, and outcome of a few of our troubles, it would make us so ashamed of the fuss we make over them, that we should be glad to drop such things and bury them at once in eternal forgetfulness. Life is too short to be worn out in petty worries, frettings, hatreds, and vexations. Let us think only on what-

soever things are pure, and lovely, and gentle, and of good report.

—Anonymous.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Those having privilege of the clergy rates from the Southeastern Passenger Association for 1911, and desiring to secure the same privilege during 1912, will kindly fill out the renewal blank found in the back of the clergy book of 1911 and forward same with one dollar remittance to W. H. Williams, 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga.

Newbern, N. C.

Since my last report eight more have accepted the truth and have been taken into church fellowship. Prospects good for a great number more who are contemplating taking the step toward a higher life. The interest is good in the city yet. Our Sunday night meeting is well attended by from 250 to 300 outside people. The seed which was sown during the summer is coming up and is beginning to bear fruit. Our building in which we hold our services is 34x68. Our Sabbath services bring nearly enough people together to fill this house on Sabbath days. Our Sabbath-school is thriving with a membership of 100 or more. All our donations go to missions.

SYDNEY SCOTT.

The Watchman

THE *Watchman* is outlining a splendid program for its readers for next year. Prof. P. T. Magan has prepared a new series of articles on "The Eastern Question." In the January number the topic will be "The Sale of the Turk." An excellent series of articles has also been prepared by Prof. B. G. Wilkinson, dealing with the various phases of sun worship. Elder I. H. Evans, who now has charge of the mission operations in the Orient, has consented to contribute a general article every month. Besides these there will be many other features which will make the *Watchman* a very helpful magazine.

Savannah

THE workers in the Savannah Y. P. M. V. S. have now over fifty dollars on the Harvest Ingathering Fund and more to be collected. One worker, Sr. K. Andre, has had many rich experiences in working with the *Signs*. Twenty dollars of the above amount is due to her faithful effort. Her testimony is that she loves the work, and wants to do more.

The presence of the Holy Spirit in our prayer services seemed to inspire our zeal to sincere consecration and more ardent effort in carrying forward the message of truth for this time.

To God be all the praise.

M. C. KENYON.

South Carolina

After attending the Harvest Ingathering service at the Spartanburg church Wednesday, Dec. 19, the writer went the next day to Woodruff and visited the company there, all of which seem to be of good courage. They still meet in the hall that was rented after the tent was taken down there this fall. They were glad to welcome Brother Rahn back again after his long absence while at the sanitarium at Atlanta. He feels that he is almost well again. Brother Park and wife decided while we were there, to proceed at once to York County and begin canvassing for the winter. We trust they will have abundant success.

Thursday was spent with Sister L. Gray of Laurens. This sister is holding up the light of present truth all alone in this city. Yet she is not alone for God is with her, and by her faithful efforts with tracts, and thru personal visits, a number have become interested in the truth and one lady is now at the point of accepting the message.

On Friday the writer proceeded to Columbia and was there joined by Brother R. M. Carter. We spent Sabbath and Sunday with the church. We found them thoroughly enjoying the week of prayer readings; they also seemed to appreciate very much the help given them during our stay. Brother Carter re-

mained a few days and assisted some of the canvassers in their work. The church here will soon have to give up their present place of worship, but another place will be secured for temporary use till they can provide a place of their own. They are negotiating for a lot on which to build as soon as they are able.

Monday and Tuesday, the members of the Aiken church, part of whom live at Johnston and part at Aiken, were visited, the greater number of them however live at Johnston, and for this reason it is thought that it will be best to change the name of this church to the Johnston church. There are a number here who will want to be baptized soon and unite with the church, also one or two at Aiken. We were glad to meet with these brethren and to find them loyal to the truth, and taking an active interest in the work. They are planning to erect a church building in the near future. We trust the work here will continue to prosper and grow.

While in Columbia we enjoyed the hospitality of Brother and Sister Wagoner, who have recently removed to that city. They are planning to leave there soon however for their farm in N. C. where they will be permanently located. We are indeed sorry to see them leave us but still we are glad they are seeking a place and an occupation that will permit Brother Wagoner to keep the Sabbath. Sister Wagoner has been doing some real missionary work in the city and we trust good will come from it. She has been selling our ten-cent magazines, a work which many others should also be engaged in, at least employing their spare moments in this way. It is a time in which all should put forth every effort to give the warning to those who sit in darkness.

We have just learned that the case of Brother and Sister J. A. Brown who were convicted some time ago of violating the Sunday law, but which case was appealed to the circuit court, will come up for trial about the first of March. We trust our brethren will pray that this may result in a victory for the truth.

W. H. BRANSON.

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South Carolina Items

THE night of December 12 the
Spartanburg church held a Harvest
Ingathering service in which all the
children and young people took a
creditable part.

Mr. I. N. Bartholomew has return-
ed to Washington, D. C. after
spending a short time with his wife
at Campobello.

Joe Burdine is spending a few days
with his sister, Mrs. Lancaster, in
Campobello.

Mrs. W. F. Bush of Owosso, Mich-
igan is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ellis-
ton Warner.

Elder Branson has been visiting
some of the isolated Sabbath-keepers
of late.

Miss Elizabeth McHugh has been
quite ill but is gaining in strength.

Mrs. J. A. Cleveland who has been
quite sick for a time, is improving.

Mrs. L. D. Putnam and family are
visiting in Virginia.

Miss Eliza Warner spent last Tues-
day in Greenville.

Canvassing Report

Southeastern Union Conference

(week ending Dec. 15)

Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Value,	Helps,	Total,	Del.
NORTH CAROLINA							
A. L. Underwood	CK	44	13	20.50	6.75	27.25	6.75
W. H. George	GC	40					186.25
J. W. Siler	CK	16	2	3.00			11.75
R. L. Underwood	CK	39	17	27.00	6.25	33.25	7.75
E. E. Messenger	CK	36	13	19.50	2.00	21.50	5.00
S. F. Woodell	CK	40	1	1.50	5.50	7.00	5.50
John Allran	DR	10					9.50
N. D. Ingram	CK	18	3	4.50	2.00	6.50	20.00
Mrs. E. A. Wiug	Misc.	15	11	8.00	3.00	11.00	3.00
Clarence Crow	BFL	40					11.00
SOUTH CAROLINA							
S. H. Swingle	S of P	60	41	52.00	11.00	63.00	25.70
Addie L. Greene	BFL	15					21.20
S. M. Butler	BFL	15	13	12.00	5.70	17.70	
J. B. Rise	DR	60	3	8.00	8.25	16.25	14.25
Nora Goodwin	BFL	10					9.50
Henry Reckling	BFL	6	1	1.00		1.00	4.00
C. H. Holland	CK	80	42	42.50	14.50	57.00	31.00
W. H. Armstrong	S of P	120	34	51.00	16.50	67.50	67.50
J. N. R. Moore	BFL	19	9	13.50		13.50	30.00
Icie Arther	BFL	8	7	7.50		7.50	
Harry Park	GC	9	1	3.00	1.50	4.50	
Louise Lawrence	BFL	23	3	3.00		3.00	
Lillion Saxon	BFL	23	4	4.00		4.00	
J. A. Bookhart	BFL	28	8	8.50		8.50	
R. M. Carter	PPF	10	6	9.50	3.50	13.00	
CUMBERLAND							
Irregular	PPF			14.00		14.00	14.00
R. A. Judy	PPF	40	18	28.00	9.00	37.00	
W. Kirkham	PPF	40					145.30
Ed Whitter	PPF	28					68.20
Mrs. J. D. Finley	PPF	10	26	62.50		62.50	
J. D. Finley	PPF	12	13	24.00		24.00	
R. A. Judy	PPF	24	4	6.00		6.00	
FLORIDA							
J. A. Jones	DR	19	5	12.00	1.75	13.75	50.00
Walter Walker	GC	11	22	52.50		52.50	56.00
Mrs. J. W. Manns	BFL	19	6	6.00	2.00	8.00	4.10
Mrs. Celestia Wilson	BFL	58	8	12.00	9.35	21.35	6.00
L. C. Warden	CK	2					7.65
Francis Williams	BFL	25	7	8.25	3.50	11.75	
W. A. Robison	DR	7	3	6.50		6.50	8.75
Mary L. Laurence	BFL	36	19	28.50	1.50	30.00	
G. S. Vreeland	DA	25	6	19.50	2.75	22.25	8.00
E. W. Hampton	PPF	10	18	33.00	1.25	34.25	16.00
Geo. G. Taylor	PPF	35	18	29.50	1.00	30.50	
Chas. A. Fritz	CK	34	43	71.00	15.75	86.75	
Joseph Currier	CK	24	41	70.00	5.75	75.75	
Royal Hubbell	CK	30	39	67.50	5.50	73.00	
Summary							
North Carolina	Total	298	60	84.00	22.50	106.50	266.50
* South Carolina	Total	486	172	215.50	59.95	256.45	202.95
Cumberland	Total	154	61	134.50	9.00	143.50	227.50
Florida	Total	316	234	416.25	50.10	466.35	107.00
Grand Total		1254	527	850.25	141.55	972.80	803.95

* Two Weeks.

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."