

**"GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS."**

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Upon your faithfulness in this work, not only the wellbeing of others, but your own eternal destiny depends. Christ is seeking to uplift all who will be lifted to companionship with Himself, that we may be

one with Him as He is one with the Father. He permits us to come in contact with suffering and calamity in order to call us out of our selfishness; He seeks to develop in us the attributes of His character,—compassion, tenderness, and love. By accepting this work of ministry we place ourselves in His school, to be fitted for the courts of God. By rejecting it we reject His instruction, and choose eternal separation from His presence.

"If thou wilt keep My charge," the Lord declares, "I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by,"—even among the angels that surround His throne. By co-operating with heavenly beings in their work on earth, we are preparing for their companionship in heaven. "Ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation," angels in heaven will welcome those who on earth have lived "not to be ministered unto, but to minister." In this blessed companionship we shall learn to our eternal joy, all that is wrapped up in this question, "Who is my neighbor?"

*Christ's Object Lessons*

### Southern Training School

DURING the Union Conference which was held in Graysville, it was the privilege of the Southern Training School to enjoy the help at the chapel hour, of a number of our visiting brethren; among whom were, Brethren LeRoy Crisler from the Florida Conference, Leslie Shoup and F. C. Webster from South Carolina, G. H. Brown from North Carolina, and K. C. Russell from Washington, D. C.

During the chapel hour, matters pertaining to spiritual interests were taken up, and carefully set before the students. The Spirit of God was present, touching the hearts, and bringing responses from a large number of those present. It was also our privilege to attend the evening services, which were carried on during the conference session. Earnest appeals made to the students, and the brethren in attendance, were witnessed by the Holy Spirit's presence and it was evident to those who attended the meetings, that God was appealing to his people to reach a higher plane of Christian living.

Elder Russell's first meeting was

followed by an after meeting, in which fifteen or twenty students attended. This service was given over to becoming acquainted with the students and learning their personal needs. A number of victories were gained here.

As the meetings progressed, we were glad to see those who at first held out, yield. There was no excitement, simply an earnest appeal, backed up by the influence of the Spirit, whose presence was manifest to every one. Nearly all the students yielded to the invitation at Elder Russell's last service on Monday morning, Jan. 15. During this service, an opportunity to testify was given. A number who had never testified before, spoke. Others testified by rising, that they desired to become earnest Christians. The Spirit's presence was felt, and it did our hearts good to hear the earnest words spoken. It was a time that will not soon be forgotten, and as the conference has closed, and the brethren gone to their fields of labor, we ask them to continue to pray for these institutions, here.

The services at the church, Sabbath, Jan. 13, was also marked by the special Spirit of God. At the close of Elder Knox' sermon which impressed upon the congregation the need of deep consecration, Elder Russell took up the services, and made a plea to the brethren and sisters to yield to God and make a full consecration. Many of the people responded to the invitation given, and many hearts were touched by the testimonies and confessions, and the earnest plea that God would make free from the sins that troubled them.

It was a good day for the Graysville church. These meetings cannot but help to bring joy to many hearts who have been looking forward to the time when their sons and daughters give their hearts to Jesus.

We earnestly desire that our brethren all over the field will pray much for this institution, students, and faculty connected with it, that the work which it ought to do may be accomplished.

M. B. VANKIRK, *Principal*.

### Extracts from a Sermon

SABBATH, Jan. 6, the Graysville

church was well filled, and Elder E. R. Palmer gave a very interesting discourse, based on Rev. 14: 6-12,— "The three angels' messages". With this was connected Matt. 24: 14. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all the world and then shall the end come," showing a connection between this verse and the first angel's message.

The speaker began by showing that the three angels' messages were not new, that Adam was a Seventh-day Adventist and Enoch, the seventh from Adam, was the first Seventh-day Adventist preacher. He then went down thru the ages, proving by different texts that Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Paul were all Seventh-day Adventist preachers. He then referred us back to the time of 1833 when the first angel's message was being preached by William Miller, Josiah Litch and others; how they thought this was the last message and sold all they had in order to get money with which to pay for the last number of their paper, which they gave away. They sat up all night, looking toward the east, and expecting in a few short hours to be with their Saviour. But He did not come, and their friends scoffed and sneered, but tho they were sorely disappointed, they started again to search the Scriptures, and found that they had given only one of the three messages. Again they started, just a poor company, and few in number, to give this to those who knew it not.

It was interesting to hear how these messages were carried to all parts of the world, and how the Lord worked for the people. The speaker told of the experience of the German pastor of Elberfeld, Germany, who, by searching the Bible, found the truth, and by 1870, his congregation of forty-five, had accepted it with him. Later on, when we had sent our first missionary to Switzerland, he heard of this company; so the message began to spread among the people before it was brought to them.

We were told that in 1866 a friendly discussion arose in a Dutch family of South Africa, about a windmill being run on Sunday. Peter Wessel, one of the sons, offered as a joke, that if they were going to be that particular, they ought to keep the right day. This led them to study the Bible, and they found

the truth. They afterward found more about it thru one of their employees; hence there was a good beginning for those who afterward came there to bring the message.

From this time the work went forward rapidly. In 1874 Elder J. N. Andrews was sent over to Switzerland as the first missionary, and others were sent to England, Australia, Russia, Scandinavia, and other places, until now, the three angels' messages are being preached over all the world.

Elder Palmer closed his discourse by illustrating our Christian experience by his trip across the ocean from Europe. After being away five months he and his wife were very anxious to get back home, and as they neared New York, and could see signs of land, they became more anxious. So we should look toward our eternal home. He earnestly exhorted all to continue to seek for this home and be faithful to the end.

EFFIE NELSON.

### Church Etiquette

THE following rules on church etiquette are worth repeating. If every one who enters the house of God would put them into practice, there would be far less confusion than often exists.

1. If possible, be on time. You need ten minutes to get your breath, get warm or cool, compose your body and mind, and whisper a prayer before the first notes of the organ are heard.

2. Never pass up the aisle during prayer or Scripture reading. If you do, your presence will distract the minds of the entire family.

3. Be devout in your attitude; find the hymn given out and share the book with your neighbor. Sing if you can.

4. If the sermon has begun, take a seat near the door, no matter if you are at your home church.

5. Take the inside end of the pew, if you are the first to enter, and leave the vacant space at the aisle end.

6. Do not rush for the door after the benediction is pronounced, but linger a moment. We should be loath to depart from the sacred temple.

7. There should be no loud talking

or jesting after the service is concluded.

—Selected.

### Florida Items

WE have learned with sadness of the death of the son of Bro. Victor Thompson of Jacksonville. Particulars have not yet reached us. The griefstricken father and parents have our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. W. J. Ewing was called home from the Union Conference at Grayville, on account of the death of the son of Brother Victor Thompson.

All the brethren have now returned from the Union Conference. A most excellent meeting is reported, characterized by a sweet spirit of harmony.

The following are some of the recent actions of the Florida Conference Executive Committee that will interest generally:

That Eld. C. V. Achenbach and wife hold a series of meetings at Morristown or vicinity.

That Eld. R. W. Parmele and C. V. Achenbach and wife hold a series of tent meetings at Bradentown, commencing about the first of March.

That Eld. W. L. Bird and an assistant hold a series of tent meetings on the East Coast.

That Prof. B. D. Gullett and an assistant hold a series of tent meetings in the northwestern part of the state.

That we request the General and Chesapeake Conferences to release Eld. C. B. Haynes to labor in Jacksonville.

That the general meeting, and dedicatory service be held in the new church in Miami in February, providing matters can be gotten in readiness for the dedication.

Our St. Petersburg brethren and sisters are rejoicing over the manifold blessings of the past year. They now have a commodious church building all paid for. Numbers have been added to the church, and a lively Young People's Society organized.

Many encouraging testimonies are continually coming in from isolated ones. One very aged sister writes:

"As the year 1911 is closing, I want to say that I have had great peace trusting the Lord, and a strong-

er assurance of my acceptance with Him than for any former year of my long life. I have read with pleasure and profit, the *Review, Signs, Watchman, Protestant, and Liberty*. I have had my Sabbath-school lesson each Sabbath. I have also memorized the verses in the Morning Watch Calendar. I am unspeakably thankful for all these blessing, and realize in some measure that 'Where much is given, much will be required'."

### North Carolina

I OPENED meetings in Watauga Co., November 1, and worked five months. As a result, thirty-six persons united with the Vallecruces church, and others are left who are keeping the Sabbath. Some of them come from the Missionary Baptist church, some from the the Primitive Baptist church, some from the Methodist, some from the Second Adventist, and others from the world. A number of these have not yet united with the church. A large work is left to be done, and I hope and pray that someone may soon continue the meetings in this mountain country.

This is not, as many think, a poor land of small cabins. The people are of a good class and have an abundant supply of good food. These mountaineers are a friendly substantial people and present a wide, wide field of usefulness to our workers in different lines.

Let us pray and work for them.

R. T. NASH.

### The Watchman

#### The Present Truth Evangelizer

FOR the month of February there is a splendid array of articles appearing in *The Watchman*. "Completing the Work of The Reformation" is the leading editorial. The Reformation begun in the fifteenth century is being completed to-day by a people whom God has chosen to do a special work.

In view of the many and varied attempts to force Congress to commit itself to religious legislation, "The Siege of Congress" will be of special interest. The editor will attempt to show that our religious liberties are in danger, and those who prize them

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should not fail to give this article wide publicity among their neighbors.

In spite of the world-wide unrest of today, two of the most powerful monarchs among the crown heads of Europe rode side by side at a recent meeting of the monarchs at historic Reval. Concerning this, Prof. Percy T. Morgan will set forth in his interesting way how the English and German monarchs have allayed the fears of their countrymen by showing unusual friendship for each other. Why this extraordinary friendship? This article will explain the true significance of this important meeting so diplomatically arranged.

Prof. Frederick Griggs will treat of the "Boy Scout Movement". A thorough analysis of this world-wide movement to organize boys into uniform "scouts." Will it result in a generation of soldiers, or citizens? and if the former, will this vast power be used to produce a larger standing army with its attendant danger of Militarism? All parents interested in their boy's future should read this article.

Prof. B. G. Wilkinson closes his very interesting series on "Sun Worship", this month's contributions treating of latter day manifestations of it. In this Christian land of ours there are manifestations of the old

Pagan Sun Worship on every hand. Order of your tract society. SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASS'N.

#### Graysville Current

PROFESSOR VanKirk attended the Union Meeting at Nashville for a few days.

The patronage of the Graysville Sanitarium is continually on the increase.

The young people enjoyed skating during the recent cold spell.

Bro. Lon Russell and wife are visiting at the home of Mrs. Russell's parents.

The Graysville Sabbath-school has set one hundred dollars as its mark for this quarter's offering.

Miss Gradye Brooke, music teacher of the S. T. S., gave her annual recital on the evening of Jan. 13. Each number was rendered in a manner worthy of applause. The delegates to the Union Conference appreciated the privilege of seeing what the school is doing along musical lines.

Last Wednesday marked the beginning of the last half of the school year. New classes were formed. School work was taken up with renewed zeal,—a result of the inspiring talks given by different delegates to the conference.

Brethren Chas. B. Thompson and V. O. Cole are attending the Southern Union Conference at Nashville, Tenn.

#### Best of Help

WHILE we as a people desire to be unselfish, yet we are anxious in all our conference departments and in our churches, to have at all times the very best help possible.

In planning our future work at our recent conference session, this was carefully considered. We were glad to find that the Lord had not failed to give us definite instruction how to do this, for we read in Vol. 7, page 19, "The greatest help that can be given our people is to teach them to work for God. Let them join his army of workers and do faithful service for him." In harmony with

this instruction, the conference planned to make a definite campaign on the book "Ministry of Healing", not a spasmodic rush lasting a day or week, but a definite work lasting until the Lord gives us something else, for the Lord gave us this book and outlined the plan for its circulation and the purpose of its existence.

The territory was so divided that the proceeds from the sale of this book will go as follows:— Those sold in Florida will go to the Florida Sanitarium. Those sold in Georgia and South Carolina will go to the Atlanta Sanitarium, and those sold in the North Carolina and Cumberland Conferences will go to the Graysville Sanitarium. All these institutions are doing good work, and ought to be relieved of debt. This book "Ministry of Healing" was given for this purpose and the plan is for all our people to circulate it, turning over the whole amount for the relief of these institutions.

I trust each conference president and executive committee will see that their churches and isolated members are supplied with these books and a regular Missionary Relief Campaign is carried forward according to the above instruction from the Testimonies. This is the best help we can give our people.

Brethren in official position, when God has provided a means of giving our people the best of help, can we remain clear before God and the people if we do not do all in our power to connect the people with the plan?

I would recommend all the people who are not supplied with books to correspond with their Tract Societies, and arrange for securing their supply. Enter upon the work at once, and God who cannot lie, nor disappoint his people will richly bless your efforts.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

ONLY one conference sent in a canvassing report for this issue, which is being held over for next week. We are sorry that we have but few reports from our conferences. If articles are not sent in, we are compelled to go to the "selected" articles for copy. Let each conference secretary send in a number of interesting items each week.