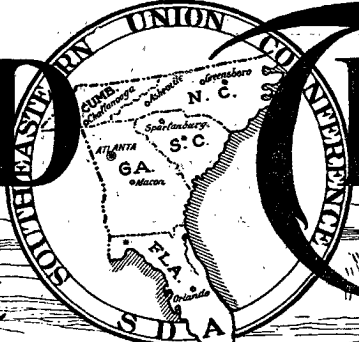


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At Graysville, May, 1912

ARTHUR W. SPAULDING

The old gray mists still shroud the
hills,

The hills still patient wait,
The morn's red monarch cleaves his
way

In undiminished state.

The green old hills still cup the vale,
The vale still stretches wide,

The laurel and the grasses strive
Yet up the mountain-side.

The valley yet its meadows spreads
For plowman's slow advance,

The brown discovered by his share
Yet thrusts the green corn's lance.

The plowman curses still the stones
That verge the roaring creek,

While they, intent on wide domain,
Still emulate the meek.

And what is there in field or wood
That taught me when a boy

That fills not yet its brimming cup
With wonted mead of joy?

And yet I listen but to hear

The sad, slow echo's call;
Mine eyes that see the sunlight's
gleam

But sees the shadows fall

The voices that I knew and loved
Have passed, or changed for aye;
The hands I held are clasping now
The undisguised clay.

I know, I know life's lesson now,—
'Tis taught me in my turn,
The bittersweet that youth knows
not,
But wiser age must learn,

Dust to its dust! O earth pass on!
Spirit of life, ascend!
Thru change, thru life, thru death,
thru woe,
I seek the glorious end!

O echoes vague, your oracle
I claim for certain bliss
O gleaming, glinting, fading lights,
A morrow follows this!

And glad am I for faint far sounds,
And glad for glimmering view:
The fainter, farther, dimmer they,
The swifter swells the new!

The Importance of Reporting

PROBABLY none of us appreciate as we should the importance of promptly and accurately reporting our work.

Yet it must be evident to all that we should at least do our best to follow the instruction outlined in our reporting system, especially in our colporteur work.

At the present time the reports received from the colporters by our tract societies form the basis for the manufacturing of books with which to fill their orders.

There always has been and probably there will be more or less difficulty in getting colporters to see the importance of promptness and accuracy in sending in their reports according to instruction.

While field agents and tract societies frequently meet with difficulties in getting correct reports, we are convinced that it is too often due to the fact that the colporteur himself, does not understand just how to make them out. Hence, it will be necessary for those in charge of the work to take extra pains and teach the individual colporteur how to do it.

This will often be appreciated by the conscientious colporteur who really desires to be faithful in this matter

The following extract taken from a letter recently received from a colporteur, with whom we deal direct from the office, in reply to our letter to him, in which we enclosed copy of report with corrections and explanations, will serve to illustrate this point. He says: "Your kind letter with words of courage is at hand.

"I read it over and over, then got down on my knees and gave God thanks.

"I had prayed hard to learn how to make out all my reports correctly and decently, and when your letter came, I felt it was a direct answer to that prayer.

"I have no joy in doing anything wrong. I love to do just right, and only right.

"My education is very limited and otherwise I feel insufficient. The Lord was good enough to me to allow me to be trusted in his great cause, therefore I shall do my best."

We earnestly request our colporters to do their very best, like this

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brother and do conscientious work not only in the canvassing but in making out reports carefully and promptly; in his words, "do it right." So, dear worker, if you do not understand how, do not feel offended if the field agent or tract society secretary returns your report to you with the corrections and instructions how to do it. If you do not know how, ask questions and keep trying. If you do know how, and do not do it, we earnestly pray the Lord will help you to see the importance of this duty and privilege.

W. W. EASTMAN.

South Carolina

Mrs. J. A. Brown of Battle Ground visited her daughter, Mrs. S. N. Case, in Spartanburg, Monday.

Robert W. Case spent Sabbath and Sunday with his parents in Spartanburg and conducted Sabbath services.

The meetings have closed in Chester, and the tents will be shipped to Columbia in time to open meetings there the night of June 28.

Some of the Spartanburg young people are reporting interested persons as the result of work done with the *Family Bible Teacher*.

The Charleston tent company has moved to Mount Pleasant, a town on the coast where the summer climate is suitable for their health and comfort.

Sister Johnson, a member of the Cherokee church, died June 18, having never recovered from an operation which she underwent several weeks ago.

Some say that they never see anything in FIELD TIDINGS from their church. We cannot report what we do not know; so if you have anything of interest write it up and send it to the conference office. This might apply to canvassers as well as churches.

There are still some pledges unpaid that were made at camp-meeting last year. These should be paid as soon as possible. There are also some tract society accounts that have not been paid. These were contracted before we began doing business on a strictly cash basis and are, therefore, at least five months old. The conference is in need of

the money and will appreciate a prompt remittance.

Not many have paid their subscription to FIELD TIDINGS of late, and the ledger shows altogether too large an amount on the wrong side of the account. If you know that you have not paid anything during the year we will be glad to receive as much as twenty-five cents from you at once. We will appreciate as much more as you feel free to send as the subscription price does not pay the cost of the paper. Do it now.

Misses Eliza and Ruth Warner visited the Battle Ground church last Sabbath. Tho small in numbers, this church continues to be of good courage and shows a willingness to co-operate in carrying out the plans mapped out by the conference. We were glad to find the children learning some new songs, and know that this will help along the interest that they already have in the Sabbath-school.

Mrs. G. E. Case has had good success in selling the *Temperance Instructor* in the residence portion of Spartanburg. In a number of instances where she has not been able to get in to see the lady of the house she has sent the paper in by the servant and has made a sale. She has decided on a certain number of sales for a day's work and she does not return home until that number is sold. This plan would help some others to succeed in the face of difficulties.

Summer School Notes

DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY

The following statistics of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination are as nearly correct as can be obtained for the year 1912, and are given in approximate figures in order to be more easily remembered. Care is taken not to overestimate.

Union Conferences 23

Local Conferences	104
Union Missions	1
Local Mission Fields	72
Organized Churches	2,800
" Companies	685
Total Sabbath-keepers	103,000
" Ordained Ministers	800
" Licensed " "	500
Evangelistic Workers (U.S.)	2,500
" " (Foreign)	4,500
Organized Sabbath-schools	4,300
Membership	100,000
Publishing Houses	27
English Periodicals	25
Foreign " "	27
Union Conference Periodicals	16
Local " " "	17
Sanitariums (Conf. ownership)	43
" (Private " ")	40
Physicians	140
Trained Nurses	1,000
Total Contributions for all purposes	\$2,000,000
MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPT	
Societies	600
Membership	11,000
Donations, Foreign Missions	\$10,500
" Home " "	5,200
" Local Expense	3,000
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT	
Church-schools (report of 1909)	579
Enrolment	11,835
Teachers	668
Annual Expense	\$105,000
Colleges and Academies	83
Teachers	504
Enrolment	6,535
Acres of Land	11,452
COLPORTER DEPARTMENT	
Book and Periodical Workers	1,900
Total Sales	\$1,500,000

Correction

In the announcement of the Georgia camp-meeting, in last week's issue of FIELD TIDINGS, it was stated that each church was entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one delegate additional for each ten members. This is the usual custom in most of our conferences, but on examining the constitution we find that in the Georgia Conference every member in good and regular standing is considered a delegate.

LEROY T. CRISLER.

Canvassing Report

Southeastern Union Conference

(week ending June 8.)

Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Value,	Helps,	Total,	Del.
NORTH CAROLINA							
W. H. George	GC	16	11	26.00	3.25	29.25	3.25
H. W. Safret	CK	24	6	10.50		10.50	40.50
Austin Allran	CK	47	42	64.00	3.50	67.50	6.50

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John Allran	DR	40	1	3.00	3.00	6.00	31.00
Logan Ingram	CK	34	16	24.00	3.25	27.25	3.25
C. H. Dryer	CK	6	2	3.00	.50	3.50	.50
W. H. Armstrong	S of P	20	31	46.50		46.50	
Dora Rudacil	PPF	22	9	13.50	.50	14.00	.50
Libbie Baird	PPF	22	18	30.00	1.25	31.25	1.25
A. P. Lance	DR	14	2	6.00	1.25	7.25	1.25
W. E. Patterson	CK	10	6	9.00		9.00	45.00
R. L. Underwood	PPF	30					
Mrs. E. A. Wing	Misc.	14	6	12.00		12.00	.50
* Mrs. E. A. Godley	BF	34	4	5.00	1.00	6.00	27.18
* Lena McGee	BF	43	8	8.00	6.25	14.25	26.25
* N. J. Grant	Misc.	59	13	40.25		40.25	
* R. C. Halkette	Misc.	40		19.95		19.95	
* Two Weeks.							

Married

A VERY pleasant wedding occurred at Brother J. T. Travis' home, near Graysville, the evening of June 19. The contracting parties were Miss Edna Travis and Mr. Frank Reeder. Elder G. H. Baber performed the ceremony in the presence of about thirty guests. The young couple left Sunday, for Nashville where they will make their home.

FIELD TIDINGS wishes them much happiness and prolonged usefulness in the cause of God.

SOUTH CAROLINA

W. M. Fee	DR	41	23	69.75	6.75	76.50	
J. A. Bookhart	BF	20	3	4.50		4.50	47.00
John Moore	BF	20	9	13.50		13.50	26.50
R. W. Case	PPF	20	6	9.00	3.75	12.75	2.00
C. L. Ravan	CK	16	4	6.00	.25	6.25	21.15
Irregular				21.00		21.00	

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Fred Chapman	CK	57	28	44.50	8.70	53.20	
H. N. Moore	CK	17	15	23.00	.50	23.50	
R. E. Hicks	CK	34	12	20.50	3.00	23.50	1.50
Mrs. J. D. Finley	PPF	17	25	43.00		43.00	
Ezra Eaton	CK	44	13	20.50	6.95	27.45	.75
J. D. Finley	PPF	50					233.00
W. B. Parkins	PPF	45					215.50
E. D. Haskell	PPF	45	3	4.50	8.75	13.25	3.25
J. W. Purvis	PPF	50	18	29.00	21.12	50.12	1.25
Walter Kirkham	PPF	50	30	48.50	2.25	50.75	1.00
Henly Richmond	BF	54	20	20.50		20.50	
R. A. Judy	PPF	34	19	31.50	1.50	33.00	
Edward Whittier	PPF	37	9	13.50	2.00	15.50	.50
John Finley	BS	4	3		1.50		
Mrs. K. E. Williams	L&H, W,	13		2.90		2.90	2.90
Cora Felker	L&H, W, S,	15		13.80		13.80	13.80
Francis Lanchas	L&H, W,	16		21.30		21.30	21.30

FLORIDA

J. R. Wilbur	BF	22	16	19.00		19.00	1.00
W. C. Presley	BF						23.50
Kate Howard	BF	16	4	4.00	1.50	5.50	6.50
J. A. Sudduth	BF	28	5	5.50	2.00	7.50	2.00
N. A. Reiber	BF	36	14	14.00	.50	14.50	.50
S. A. Shivers	BF	15	1	1.50		1.50	13.50
Isadore Evans	BF	41	20	30.00		30.00	
Charles Griffiths	BF	44	30	39.00	4.00	43.00	4.00
W. A. Smith	PPF	8	4	4.00	.25	4.25	5.25
J. D. Andrews	PPF	41	17	28.50		28.50	
M. J. Weber	PPF	32					16.50
W. C. Cheek	PPF	32	17	26.50	.50	27.50	
B. F. Brown	CK	42	24	36.00	1.50	37.50	1.50
R. O. Terry	GC	14	14	35.00	2.00	37.00	2.00
L. D. Wright	GC	40	9	27.00	3.50	30.50	3.50
Mrs. Kenyon	W, L&H,		275	27.50		27.50	27.50
Eva Cushing	" "		275	27.50		27.50	27.50

Summary

North Carolina	Total	475	175	320.70	23.75	344.45	146.93
South Carolina	Total	117	45	124.05	10.55	134.50	96.65
Cumberland	Total	582	195	337.00	56.27	391.77	494.75
Georgia	Total	411	175	270.00	15.75	285.75	79.75
Grand Total		1585	590	1051.75	96.32	1156.47	818.08

Cumberland Conference

THINGS are moving in the Cumberland Conference now-a-day. There is a sound of a going among the mulberry trees, and the spirit of unity and co-operation that characterizes every move is most encouraging, and is bound to accomplish something definite in the way of soul winning. We have two white tent companies in the field. One tent is pitched in Greenville, the far eastern end of the conference, and is manned by Elders Stanley and Locken, and Elder Locken's wife and family who help with the music.

The other tent is pitched in Park City, a suburb of Knoxville, and the effort is being made by Elder Shoup, assisted by Elder Shuler. These brethren have a good tent which has been made very attractive, and are located in a fine neighborhood. The question of Health, Hygiene and Dietetics is being made very prominent in this effort and is proving to be a drawing card.

Brother Maynor, our colored worker, has recently closed a successful hall effort. Several have taken their stand to obey all the commandments and a number more are very much interested. The interest will be followed up with a camp-meeting which will begin about the first of July. May God impress the hearts of our colored brethren over the conference to attend this meeting.

The outlook is very bright for a harvest of souls, but results depend very largely on the attitude of the laity in general, who need to pray and give of their means as well as give their moral support to these faithful workers.

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Southeastern Union Conference Camp-meetings for 1912

Ga. Barnsville July 25—Aug. 4.
S. C. Columbia Aug. 1—11
N. C. Hickory Aug. 15—25.
Cumb. Sweetwater Aug. 22—Sep. 1.
Fla. Ocala Oct. 3—14

The Florida Colporters' Institute

THE colporters institute at Orlando Florida closed on the evening of June 12. This made the ninth institute held since January 1.

It is evident that the Lord has special blessings for our institutes this season and while efforts have been made to raise the standard of the work, and safeguard the interest of colporter, conference, and publishing house, the Lord has stamped his approval on these efforts and has richly blessed every meeting.

At the close of each institute, we

could but realize that we had experienced something out of the ordinary in spiritual things, and we would wonder how the next could be any better; yet the Lord usually had another surprise for us at the next one, and so it has gone until it remained to be seen that he had held some of the best of the wine until the last of the feast.

The institute in Florida was not as large as some of the others, there being fourteen regular colporters present, beside two others who expect to devote a portion of their time to the work.

Yet the deep movings of his spirit were manifested at every meeting in a marked way, and the spirit of love, unity, and labor, was manifested by all present.

All seemed to realize as never before that we are real missionaries in the world, and as such our lives must be in harmony with the life of the "Great Missionary", and that we cannot expect to escape all of the hardships and deprivations of life and yet remain true to the name "Missionary Colporters." Neither can we engage in the work from a mercenary standpoint, yet realizing at the same time that the great paymaster giveth what is right.

This department of the work in Florida has had its struggles, but we believe that the dawn of a better day is breaking, and that Brother Shreve has great reasons to be thankful for the loyal class of colporters that has entered the work.

The great need of the hour is men and women who will burn the bridges behind them, and enter God's service as a life work. This is what brings peace and happiness to the individual as well as joy and gladness in heaven.

V. O. COLE.

New Bern, N. C.

THE work here continues to grow. Some promising new believers have come into the fold.

The missionary spirit—the true index of spiritual progress is developing.

Calls are coming from buyers of our subscription books, to visit and study with them.

Seventeen or eighteen in Washington N. C. are waiting for the work of Isaiah 8:16.

Fifteen have been baptized within thirty days. The writer baptized three, Sunday, June 9. A good interest prevails.

Our hearts are filled with courage and our praises ascend to him who is worthy of all praise.

PAGE SHEPARD.

Cumberland News-notes

DR. GREGORY, representing the Graysville Sanitarium is spending a few days in Chattanooga in the interests of this institution. He reports many good experiences and encouraging results of his work in this city.

Brother S. M. Jacobs and wife passed thru Chattanooga on their way to the West. They are very much in need of rest and we hope the trip will do them much good.

Brother R. L. Williams and wife were recent visitors in Chattanooga.

Elder Stanley left home last Wednesday for Greenville, where he will join Elder Locken in a tent effort at that place. He spent a short time in Knoxville, looking over conference matters there and in consulting with the brethren. He reports an encouraging outlook for the summer's campaign.

The new tent that has just been purchased is a beauty. Will those who promised to help pay for it send in their pledges to the office at once?

A Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society has been organized in Chattanooga; and much enthusiasm is manifested. Mrs. Clara Russell was chosen as leader, assisted by Miss Celia Bland. Merridith Dutton was chosen secretary and treasurer. They plan to hold a meeting once a month, the first one being held last Sabbath.

Since our canvassers' institute held in Graysville, some of our boys have sold and delivered over \$500.00 worth of hooks, thus insuring for such, free transportation to our camp-meeting, and with other deliveries of equal amount, free transportation to the General Conference if it is held in the South, and if not, twenty-five dollars toward the colporter's transportation elsewhere.

Our field secretary reports that during the first two weeks of June our colporters delivered \$1,000 worth of books. Eternity alone will reveal the good done by these books and their real value in the salvation of souls.