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### The Coming School Year

No doubt the readers of the Tidings were interested in the report of the last year's work as it appeared in the previous number of the paper. It is putting it mildly when I say that each member of the faculty and board have been gratified by the positive gain which has been made by the Institution. But this is only a beginning. There are many needs which must be filled in our equipment this year. Among others the chapel needs seats very much. The students who have been in school the past few years recognize this.

Again the school needs the loyal support of every Seventh Day Adventist in its territory. It is the aim of the faculty to make the school a spiritual as well as an educational center. Strong efforts have been put forth the last year and will be put forth the coming year to give the students the best possible environment. Some conversions of last year brought joy to many hearts. The number of the old students who are planning to return to school next year has brought courage to the school faculty, and the interest manifested by new students in planning to secure scholarships is also encouraging.

Young men, young women, what are you planning to do? Have you in mind to get an education, a Christian education? Then why not begin to plan immediately to obtain what you desire to have? The years are rapidly passing and God's cause is in need of earnest, consecrated young men and women of ability and thorough preparation, that its work may be

carried on with ever increasing power. While our school is not equipped with elegance and most of necessity be deprived of some things which seem to be necessary, yet it is believed by all that the influence is such that students coming to the school with right desires receive much benefit. Every possible effort will be put forth to guide and guard the young people who come to us. Parents who have young people of suitable school age, will you not correspond with the school regarding them? Young people who need help or who desire an education, will you not correspond with the school? The school desires to come into touch with every young person of school age in the entire Southern and South Eastern Union conferences. If interested in school matters, write to the undersigned.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

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### Publishing House Office in Atlanta

In harmony with an action of the Southern Publishing Association at its last annual meeting, a branch office has been opened in Atlanta, Ga., for the purpose of supplying our denominational literature, bibles etc., to our people in the Southeastern Union Conference.

This office is now open and ready for business, and all orders for books, pamphlets, tracts, bibles, etc., that have formerly been sent elsewhere to be filled should now be addressed as below. Orders have been handled at the new office right along since the middle of April, and numerous shipments have been made, but now that the new conference building, in which the publishing office is located, has been completed, and a good stock of all the literature usually kept at our publishing houses is on hand awaiting the orders of our people, it is hoped that everyone in the Southeastern Union Conference will take notice of the new address and forward their orders accordingly.

Unless previous arrangements have been made a cash remittance will be expected with each order. Those who do not have a copy of the new catalog should ask for same at once. Information regarding any of our publications will be cheerfully supplied on request.

Address the Southern Publishing Association, 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga.

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### Faithful Stewardship

Every christian is a steward of God, entrusted with His goods. Remember the words, "Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." Let us be sure that we are not robbing God in any jots or tittles; for much is involved in this question.

A steward identifies himself with his master. He accepts the responsibilities of a steward, and he must act in his master's stead, doing as his master would do were he presiding. His master's interests become his. The position of a steward is one of dignity, because his master trusts him. If in any wise he acts selfishly, and turns the advantage gained by trading with his lord's goods to his own advantage, he has perverted the trust reposed in him.

The Lord has made the proclamation of the gospel dependent upon the labors and voluntary gifts of all His people. The one who proclaims the message of mercy to fallen man has another work also,—to set before the people the duty of sustaining the work of God with their means. He must teach them that a portion of their income belongs to God, and is to be sacredly devoted to His work. This lesson he should present both by precept and example. And he should beware that he does not by his own course lessen the force of his teaching.

That which has been set apart according to the Scripture as belonging to the Lord constitutes the revenue of the gospel, and is no longer ours. It is no better than sacrilege for a man to take from God's treasury to serve himself or to serve others in their secular business. Some have been at fault in diverting from the altar of God that which has been especially dedicated to Him. All should regard this matter in the right light. Let no one, when brought into a strait place, take money consecrated to religious purposes, and use it for his advantage, soothing his conscience by saying that he will repay it at some future time. Far better cut down the expenses to correspond with the income, to restrict the wants, and live within the means, than to use the Lord's money for secular purposes. This subject is not regarded as it should be. Under no pretext is the money paid into the treasury of God to be used for the benefit of any one in temporal affairs.

God desires all His stewards to be exact in following divine arrangements. They are not to offset the Lord's plans by performing some deed of charity, or giving some gift or some offering, when or how they, the human agent, shall see fit. It is a very poor policy for men to seek to im-

prove on God's plan, and invent a makeshift, averaging up their good impulses on this and that occasion, and offsetting them against God's requirements. God calls upon all to give their influence to His own arrangement. He has made His plan known; and all who would cooperate with Him must carry out this plan, instead of daring to attempt an improvement on it.

A very plain, definite message has been given to me to give to our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which, though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said that the tithe is to be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord's arrangement.

God will judge for these things. One reasons that the tithe may be applied to school purposes. Still others would reason that canvassers and colporteurs should be supported from the tithe. But a great mistake is made when the tithe is drawn from the object for which it is to be used—the support of the minister. There should be to-day in the field one hundred well qualified laborers where now there is but one.

Read carefully the third chapter of Malachi and see what God says about the tithe. If our churches will take their stand upon the Lord's word, and be faithful in paying their tithe into His treasury, more laborers will be encouraged to take up ministerial work. More men would give themselves to the ministry were they not told of the depleted treasury. There should be an abundant supply in the Lord's treasury, and there would be if selfish hearts and hands had not withheld tithes, or made use of them to support other lines of work.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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### My Work with Good Tidings of the Messiah

Thinking my experience may help some one else in the work I write these few lines.

For the past three months I have been working in Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia. The Lord has greatly blessed me, and as I go from town to town I find many who seem anxious to know what we as a people believe, often asking for reading matter on the different points of our faith.

Many times when I present my paper one will say that he has heard of my work, and read the paper some friend had bought; also how glad he is to help so good a work.

One afternoon I learned that the ladies were having a missionary meeting in one of the churches. I stood in the entrance as they came out, and sold a paper to nearly every one present.

Although we have many pleasant experiences we should not be discouraged when the work goes a little hard as it is sure to do at times. If one does not buy keep smiling, leave them with a pleasant word. You may want to call again. Any way, it will be a help to the next worker who calls.

SUSIE B. LEIGHTON.

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#### Our Mission

"Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His special supervision. It was designed to accomplish a specific purpose. Seventh-day Adventist have been chosen by God as a peculiar people, separate from the world. By the great cleaver of truth, He has cut them out from the quarry of the world, and brought them into connection with Himself. He has made them His representatives, and has called them to be ambassadors for Him in the last work of salvation. The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to man, has been committed to them to be given to the world; and in the accomplishment of this work our publishing houses are among the most effective agents.

"Let it never be forgotten that these (publishing) institutions are to co-operate with the ministry as the delegates of Heaven. They are represented by the third angel that followed, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God.

"And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory." Vol. 7, pages 138-140.

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#### The Atlanta Branch Office

In harmony with the decision of the Southern Publishing Association at its annual meeting last January, and later actions of its managing Board, two rooms in the new Southeastern Union Conference building, at 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga., have been rented and fitted up as a branch office, from which our denominational literature, bibles, ect., will be supplied to the people of the Southeastern Union.

The location is pleasant and comfortable, and with the shed in the rear the space is sufficient to meet our necessities. A fair stock of our usual books has been on hand for a month or more, regular shipments having been started April 22. Some of the smaller miscellaneous articles, which, however, it is quite necessary to have on hand, have been slower in reaching us; this is particularly true of books and tracts from the Pacific Coast. These are now nearly all here,

and every order is being cared for immediately upon its receipt.

We trust that through the blessing of God upon the efforts put forth, and the co-operation of our faithful book-workers, and loyal brethren and sisters, the establishment of this work will prove to be a strong factor in proclaiming the Message throughout this field, as spoken of on the preceding page. We shall ever work with this in view.

From now on all orders for supplies should be sent to the Southern Publishing Association, Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga.

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#### Items

The new branch office has the Southern Bell telephone; call Main 4283L.

Brother Reeder seems to be very busy of late starting new agents.

Most encouraging reports come from the General Conference. The book-men hold a stirring meeting every day, and are making broad plans for future efforts.

Quite a delegation visited this office on their way to the General Conference; among them were the officers of the Southern Publishing Association who expressed themselves as being pleased with our location.

J. A. Kimmel recently visited us while on the way to his new field of labor at Rockmart, Ga.

Yesterday we shipped 450 pounds of books to Brethren Lanier and Underwood, at Franklin, N. Car. This is like business. We trust they will have a successful delivery.

The paper (25 cents) Best Stories is furnished to regular canvasser at ten cents; the paper edition of Gospel Primer is furnished at six cents a copy.

A letter from V. O. COLE says that the orders increased 78% for the first four months this year over the same period last year, and that the deliveries reported show a gain of 49% for the same time. 1 Chron. 14:15

J. A. Caldwell ordering two hundred books to Tate Springs, Tenn., says, "Please put these orders up in separate boxes as indicated, for I have arranged for several men to take them to their stores from which places I will deliver on horseback. They will take them from twenty to twenty-five miles from the railroad. The mountains as well as the valleys are to hear the message.

A new book catalog has recently been prepared, a copy of which will be sent free on request to any address. It lists a number of new publications and gives new prices on some of the older works. Send for it. New bible catalogs are being printed, but will not be ready for some time.

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Love worketh no ill to his neighbor.

Entered as second class matter, at the postoffice at Graysville, Tenn., Feb. 11, 1909.

### Southeastern Union conference notes

Of interest to all, will be the action taken by the Union conference committee in connection with the committee on the distribution of labor acting for those changes which come from other Union conference. They are as follows;—

That Miss Anna Boehm of East Michigan make South Carolina her field of labor.

That Mrs N. Ammon of East Michigan make Asheville, North Carolina her field of labor.

That Mrs A. Sufficool of Wisconsin make the Southeastern Union her field of labor as directed by the Union committee.

That Elder I. M. Martin of East Penn. makes Asheville, North Carolina his field of labor.

That Elder Haynes of the Chespeke Conference make Georgia his field of labor.

That Elder R. T. Nash of South Carolina make North Carolina his field of labor.

That Elder T. H. Jeys of North Carolina take the place made vacant by the removal of Elder Nash.

That Elder G. W. Wells of Georgia take the presidency of the North Carolina conference.

That Elder C. B. Stevenson of Florida, make Georgia his field of labor.

That A. G. Holmes of Wisconsin connect with the work in North Carolina through the summer season.

These moves were made after deep consideration and earnest prayer and in every case came as the unanimous voice of the committee, and we trust that the Spirit of God will bear witness to the wisdom of the changes made and the additions obtained, that there may be many souls brought to His garner as the result.

W. A. W.

### Camp-meetings

At a recent meeting of the Southeastern Union conference committee held in connection with the general conference at Washington D. C. the following dates were set for the camp-meetings for our Union conference;

Georgia-Macon, July 29 to August 8.

South Carolina-Anderson-Aug. 5-15.

North Carolina-Cleveland-Aug. 12-22.

Cumberland-Athens-Aug. 24 to Sept. 5.

Florida-Orlando-Oct. 21-31.

Soon we shall reach these dates and it is none too early to begin now to prepare to attend. We are on the very verge of eternity and as never before the people of God are pressing forward to finish the work. The whole spirit of the last general conference was one of zeal and energy to do the work God has commissioned to us at once. To do our part we must take advantage of the opportunities given in these annual feasts to keep apace with the Message and at the front of the battle. Let us each try to make this the banner year for attendance at our camps. We have the promise of the help of elder K. C. Russel at these meetings. Pray, brethren and sisters, that these seasons may bring us all to that place where God can use us to finish His work so we all be gathered home.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

### Lesson Pamphlets

The new Sabbath School Lesson pamphlet for the quarter beginning July 1, are on hand. Send your orders to the Southern Publishing Ass'n., 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga.

## CANVASSING REPORT

For two Weeks, Ending May 30, 1909.  
Southeastern Union Conference.

### CUMBERLAND

Name,	Book,	Frs.,	Ords.,	Value,	Total,	Del.
J. A. Caldwell	BFL	19	7	7.00	9.18	.25
Mrs. F. Fine	CK	4	3	3.00	3.00	
Ed. Whittier	CK	69	60	60.50	64.40	2.00
Walter Kirkham	BFL	50	19	25.50	30.10	.50
F. B. Sedore	BFL	74	57	71.50	81.75	
Harry Watt	BFL	35	14	14.00	16.25	32.00
Mrs. L. Easterling	BFL	32	18	22.50	23.25	1.25
Ada Woolsey	HH	12	7	8.00	10.75	43.65
Mrs. R. A. Judy	BFL	30	13	13.00	13.00	7.00
R. S. Philmon	CK	85	60	61.50	76.75	3.25
R. A. Judy	CK	54	20	20.00	23.50	.11
A. Wood	DR	63	22	71.50	85.00	
C. G. Manns	BFL	63	41	53.00	65.50	3.00
John S. Green	DR	51	19	65.25	167.75	
Mrs. A. D. Day	BFL	17	5	5.00	7.60	
G. W. Cowdry	DR	22	4	11.00	15.75	
Ralph J. Woolsey	DR	56	5	8.75	11.05	
Total		736	368	522.00	701.58	103.90

### SOUTH CAROLINA

G. B. Case	DR	86	37	102.25	103.25	2.50
C. L. Belue	DR	86	85	250.75	252.75	2.75
Rose Lull	BFL	38			7.70	10.60
J. B. Rise	DR	20	3	6.25	6.25	4.25
S. H. Swingle	SD&SP	25	14	17.50	22.00	2.25
W. C. Rahn	SD&SP	60	72	90.00	110.00	6.25
W. P. Darnell	BFL	20				11.00
Total		335	211	466.75	484.95	39.60

### FLORIDA

Mrs E. B. Romaus	RD	79	19	36.25	36.60	28.00
C. V. Achenback	Misc	35	28	47.50	47.50	
Mrs N. A. Howell	BFL					26.25
Albert Benson	Misc	61	5	8.50	8.50	15.00
Total		181	52	92.25	92.50	69.25

### GEORGIA

Miss L. Rainwater		5				19.20
Thos. Henderson		58				40.20
C. N. Buiens	DR	20	5	10.75	13.25	
M. S. Grim	GC	18				35.35
J. A. Kimmel	GC	76	2	5.50	48.70	60.30
Irving Tait	BR	20	4	4.00	4.60	
Mrs. Manous	DR	25				51.65
R. O. Terry	DR	78	32	74.00	76.75	5.50
Mrs. R. O. Terry	DR	26	8	21.00	24.75	1.75
W. F. Boles	DR	35	32	122.00	122.50	.50
Marie Macmillian		20				39.20
Albert Cochran	DR	46	6	16.50	17.00	14.25
Mrs Macmillian	Misc	10	5	5.00	23.70	23.70
G. D. Raff	DR	46	21	65.75	66.00	
S. W. Carter	BFL	20	35	43.50	43.50	
Myrtle Maxwell		20				40.60
Mrs A. L. Manous	RD	25				51.65
R. M. Carter	DR	30	37	112.00	112.90	9.00
Mrs R. M. Carter	HH	14	3	9.00	18.20	28.00
Mrs Myers		20				60.00
Total		592	190	489.00	571.85	432.45

### NORTH CAROLINA

M. L. Branch	CK	79	23	23.00	25.25	2.25
N. Q. Smith	CK	25	8	8.00	9.05	1.05
G. L. Kerley	DR	36	1	2.75	3.50	.75
G. H. Jeys	CK	66	37	37.00	40.25	3.25
Iregular	Misc	13	1	2.75	22.50	22.50
J. S. Killen	Misc	45	5	6.25	21.75	21.75
Bertha Graham	CK	9			3.25	13.25
T. T. Stepp	DR	16				26.00
J. P. Allran	CK	47			2.15	47.15
H. B. Hahn	CK	40	5	5.00	10.45	21.95
	DR	43	37	103.25	112.55	66.30
W. E. Lanier	DR	38	22	42.50	47.50	5.00
R. L. Underwood	DR	83	48	91.00	96.50	9.00
Total		540	188	322.50	394.70	240.20