

# Field Tidings

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### IS IT WRONG TO PLAY FLINCH

Yes my boy, it is wrong for *me* to play "Flinch" or any other game of cards, and for the following reasons,—

1. There are so many things that I need to do for which I cannot find time. I would necessarily consume some of my God-given time, should I engage in the game.

2. The mental exhilaration or excitement produced by an interested participation in the game is followed by a corresponding depression that exhibits itself in a distaste for all rational pursuit and enjoyment.

3. The element of chance that enters into the game, directly cultivates the taste for gambling.

4. The desire to win brings with it a temptation to be dishonest, and to deceive and cheat.

5. The desire to win directly encourages disagreement and strife. "The servant of Christ must not strive."

6. It leads to associations that are not conducive to growth in spiritual life. No one, after a game of cards goes back to Bible study with added vigor and interest.

7. The conversations carried on at card games are not conducive to improvement of body, soul, or spirit.

But isn't there a mental drill and discipline in the game? Yes, perhaps there may be some mental drill; but any advantage of that kind is offset by the very great dangers attending the indulgence. There is some water in beer and therefore it is of some value as a thirst quencher; but we never advise people to drink beer to quench their thirst. And people that drink beer do not drink it for water, but for the stimulant. People who play cards do it not for the mental drill, but for the excitement. Beware of the deception.

But must we not have relaxation and amusement? Relaxation must be had, but let us not make the mistake of supposing that excitement and exhilaration are relaxation. I have seen a boy whose eyes would sparkle, and his step become buoyant in prospect of an exciting game, who at the hour of prayer sometimes placed his

face in his hands and dropped asleep. The first was exhilaration and amusement, the second, relaxation. Yes, we must have change, relaxation, diversion, amusement; but beware that Satan does not substitute the husk for the kernel, the counterfeit for the real, the pretense for the actual.

The Lord wants His young people to be happy, and He knows best what will bring happiness. Engage in nothing upon which you cannot consistently ask His blessing.

T. H. JEYS.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

Since last reporting, I have visited Cherokee, Battle Ground, Spartanburg, and Greenville. At some of these places my stay was brief. At Cherokee, the brethren are planning to build a chapel. The lot is already secured and sufficient money is pledged, to complete the house. The brethren here are few, but they are determined to hold up the banner of truth. They have a church-school with 10 students. One young man has gone to Graysville, Tenn., to attend the Training School there.

Brother Fletcher Turner very kindly took me over land from Cherokee to Battle Ground. Here, too, the believers, though few in numbers, have decided that they must have a school, and have accordingly taken one of the busy mothers, and made her their teacher. To me this seems like moving along the right line. What can be better work than training our children for the Kingdom? And, all other conditions being equal, who can better do it than the mother? Some were detained by circumstances away from home, and the weather being somewhat inclement, the attendance at the meetings here was small.

At the Greenville Church No. 2 there were some business matters to be attended to, among which was the election of an elder for the unexpired part of Elder Scott's term. The No. 2 Church is planning for the building of a chapel in the near future. Here I was met by brother Gallion and Elder Sydney Scott, and the two other members of the local colored mission. Together we

planned for the prosecution of the work during the winter.

I much enjoyed my meeting with the Greenville brethren of Church No. 1. Some of these were those whom I had known as boys and girls in days gone by, and it seemed like meeting some of my own children. I spoke to them of the necessity of being wholly devoted to the work, otherwise Satan will surely give us a job. When our chief topics of conversation are the faults of the brethren, we may well be suspicious of our own spiritual condition.

At present I am at home at Campobello, and am canvassing for a time. As I get out and meet with the people, it renews memories and freshens my fellow-feeling for our dear canvassers.

T. H. JEYS.

### TIDINGS FROM GEORGIA

As we arrive at the end of another month, we are reminded that we are one month nearer our "Father's house," and that we have one month less in which to prepare to enter that place which Jesus has gone to prepare. Also that we have one month less in which to give this last warning message to the needy world.

But we are of good courage and are willingly and gladly doing what we can to help place the important truth for this time, before the people. The Lord enabled us to make the following record for the month of November, just closed.

Visits, 1118; Bible Readings, 28; papers given away, 78; subscriptions for periodicals, 8; pages of "Family Bible Teacher" distributed, 11,098.

We ask an interest in the prayers of the Christian people that God may water the seed and give the increase. We are of good courage.

ARTHUR AND TENNIE MANUS.

### ECONOMY IN THE FIELD

One of the canvassers in this state told his experience in saving money. He said, "I've been in the field here in Georgia 17 months, selling D. & R., and have paid out in cash during that time \$1.75."

It might be well for all of us, as canvassers, to take this lesson and stay out of debt. God's promise never fails. See Isa., 61:5 first part.

W. S. FULBRIGHT, *Field Agent*.

### FAREWELL

It is with feelings of sadness that we sever our connection in an official way with the South-

eastern Union. The period of our stay therein has been very pleasant to us, and while perplexities and problems have been a part of our lot, yet the hearty co-operation and warm support of all have made these burdens easy, and it is with real heartfelt regret that we part from those who have so loyally stood by us in our endeavor to press forward the work of our Master.

The only reason why we consent to go to China is the great call of the millions dying in heathen darkness. Personally, to stay with the warm hearts of the South would be our choice, but, having lain all on the altar, we cannot refuse to respond when a hard field or difficult proposition is presented.

We only ask that the same warm support be extended to Elder Thompson, who assumes the responsibilities of the Union president, and that the support and prayers of my brethren and sisters in the Southeastern Union may reach over the seas to far distant China.

We shall be glad to hear from you at any time.

Address, Care of United States Postal Agency, Box 993, Shanghai, China.

May God's blessing be with you all.

We leave Graysville for our new field December 14.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

### GEORGIA INSTITUTE

The canvassers institute for the Georgia conference will be held in Atlanta, beginning December 28th, at nine o'clock A. M., so it will be well for those who are planning to attend to be there Monday the 27th, in order to get located and be ready for the first service Tuesday Morning. We expect Elder Charles Thompson, our newly chosen Union Conference president, to be with us at the first of this institute. Elder Stephenson will also plan to be with us at least a portion of the time, and brother S. F. Reeder, the field agent of the Cumberland conference, will be there to assist.

I trust that all of the old canvassers, as well as all those who are planning to enter the work may attend, and surely be there at the first meeting. Promptness is one of the requirements of a successful canvasser, so this, as well as some other pointers to success or failure can be observed in our institute work, and it often indicates the future of the ones that attend.

Let us all be prompt in getting there, studious after we get there, diligent and preserving after we leave. What do you say brethren?

V. O. COLE.

### NOTICE TO DELEGATES

At a recent meeting of the Southeastern

Union Conference Committee held in Atlanta, plans were laid for entertaining the delegates to the Union Conference, January 11-18.

The committee on arrangements hopes to be able to provide accommodation for all at actual cost. There is one point however to which we desire to call attention, and that is for those who attend to bring bedding, the nights are liable to be cold so let all bring an ample supply, as none will be furnished by the committee.

The meeting will be preceded by a Bookmen's Convention beginning January 7th. We desire all delegates to be present and share in the blessings of this part of the season. Our book department is one of the most important branches of our work. Competent instructors will be present, therefore, all who need the help of this convention, should attend.

So we urge all to be present at the beginning of the Bookman's Convention and remain to the close of the Union Conference session. Be sure and bring bedding. For information upon any point you do not understand write R. T. Dowsett, 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga.

Chas. THOMPSON, *Pres. S. E. Union*

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## COLORED WORK IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The tent season has closed in this part of the vineyard for this year. The year's service has been a pleasant as well as a profitable one in many respects. We are glad to look back over this year's work with rejoicing; although, we are not satisfied with the results which have attended our labors. We are thankful that the heavenly father is guiding the affairs in this conference. We have had two successful tent efforts this year with fair results. The first one was held in Sumter, S. C., with a good showing. Some of the so called "better class" took a stand for the truth at this point. Among the number is a postmaster and pension clerk who walked out in a storm and took a firm stand for the truth. The pastor of this man's church came and cursed him, telling him that he had received the devil and to "hades" he would go. Others took a stand who are faithful to the present hour. After sealing the work at this point with a baptismal service, we came to Columbia, S. C., the the state capital, where we closed the tent work for the year. Some took a stand at this place, and are rejoicing in the path. Our donations from the two efforts reached over \$100.00 and our expenses was some less. We are planning a great effort for 1910 which will reach many thousands during the year. Yours for service, SYDNE SCOTT.

## HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE

There have often appeared interesting reports from the various parts of our Union, in these columns, pertaining to the progress of the educational and evangelistic work. It may also be of interest to the readers of the Tidings, to know of the progress and plans of the medical work.

At the recent council at College View, medical missionary work had considerable attention. Among other things, it was recommended that health schools, or circles, be established. There have been a few of these in the past, and they have always resulted in great good to the communities where they have convened. Generally, they have lasted only a few weeks, and then the school was moved to another place. Since being appointed medical secretary, I have often asked myself what I could do that would be of most service to the cause in this capacity, and I have come to the conclusion that this establishment of Health Circles in each Church, for permanent, continued effect along medical missionary lines, meets the situation ideally.

It is the desire of the medical secretary of the Cumberland Conference, that each Church immediately organize a Health Circle, and appoint some wide-awake individual to have charge of the Circle for the year 1910, just as the clerk, librarian, or other church officer is planned for. As soon as the organization is perfected, let the president, or leader, report for service to the Conference medical secretary.

There is a large field for this work, and a rich harvest waiting, if we will all take hold together and do systematic work.

The Health Circle should have regular sessions for the consideration of health topics, as healthful cookery, simple treatments, caring for the sick and poor, distribution of literature, and the sale of Ministry of Healing.

For resources, I would suggest the sale of Life and Health, and the tilling of a plot of land to be known as the Medical Acre.

With a Graysville Health Circle, a Knoxville Health Circle, a Chattanooga Health Circle, a Sanford Health Circle, a Cleveland Health Circle, an Athens Health Circle, and a Daylight Health Circle, we ought to do something in the King's Business that requires haste.

What Church will be the first to organize, such a Circle, and get right down to the work that the Master did when He was here among men? Who will bring His garment's hem nearer to those who need it's healing?

Let those who will, write.

R. A. LOVELL, *Med. Sec. Cumb. Conf.*

## FIELD TIDINGS

Entered as second class matter, at the post-office at Graysville, Tenn., Feb. 11, 1909, under act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

**The Missionary Volunteer Society Lessons**

The lessons on Bible Doctrine, now appearing in the Instructor for study in the Missionary Volunteer Societies, are of vital importance to our youth, and should be thoroughly studied and the texts in heavy type memorized.

From personal experience I know the worth of such lessons. The scriptures so to memory in my teens, when studying a series of lessons, have been of great value to me, and are now clear in my memory.

This is a rare opportunity for the young to become firmly established in the truths of the Third Angel's Message.

At the close of these lessons and the study of the "Great Second Advent Movement" in the Reading Course, many of our youth should be prepared to pass the Standard of Attainment examination. Let each young person, whether isolated or in a society, have a fixed purpose to reach this mark, and allow nothing to interfere with its accomplishment.

Mrs. METTIE S. LENKER.

**Special Offer**

The Eastern Question has been so satisfactorily treated in the WATCHMAN by Professor P. T. Magan, and feeling convinced that the WATCHMAN readers would like to have the entire series of articles on the subject from the beginning, we are making this offer: We will furnish 800 sets of the Eastern Question articles appearing in the WATCHMAN including the months of May, July, August, September, October, November, December, and January, for 50 cents a set. We can not include the June number as we have none on hand. The January number will contain the last of the series of the Eastern Question in its "Near East" aspect, and beginning with the February number the "Far East" phase of the question will be given by the same author.

Send in your orders now and secure a set of the WATCHMAN containing this important subject.

Address, SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,  
Nashville, Tenn.

**Lockhart Florida**

The tent meetings which began here a few days since are being well attended. On Sunday nights we are not able to seat nearly all who come, but during the week so many are working at the mill and can not come, it makes the attendance smaller.

Several are becoming deeply interested in the truths they are hearing and there are more calls for personal work than we are able to fill.

We only hope and prayer is that this effort will result in the salvation of souls.

Brethren we need your prayers.

W. H. BRANSON. C. V. ACHENRACH.

**PROGRESS IN FLORIDA**

The book work is still onward in Florida... not by great leaps and bounds, but our God is steadily leading to victory, for which we praise Him and take new courage. Let every canvasser be faithful to duty, and soon we shall join in the victor's song, and have the victor's reward.

E. R. BUTTON.

Field Agent, Lakeland, Fla.

**ADDRESS**

All mail for the Pres. of the S. E. Union Conf. should be addressed to Elder Chas. Thompson, Graysville, Tenn.

## APPOINTMENT

Elder Charles Thompson and V. O. Cole will meet with the following churches, Knoxville Sabbath, Dec. 18th; Athens, 19, 20; Cleveland, 21; Chattanooga, 22; service each night.

**REPORT OF THE CANVASSING WORK IN THE SOUTHEASTERN UNION, DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1909**

CONF.	AGTS.	HRS.	ORDS.	VAL.	HPS.	TOTAL	DEL.
N. C.	14	944	350	\$636.00	\$122.90	\$738.90	\$707.40
Ga.	13	966	290	462.50	177.05	640.55	338.18
Fla.	10	464	151	183.05	632.30	60.75	
Cumb.	12	815	367	138.85	548.60	121.25	
S. C.	8	723	142	21.11	78.65	303.90	572.38
Total	57	3912	1457	2282.75	581.50	2864.25	1849.85

V. O. COLE.

**CANVASSING REPORT****Southeastern Union Conference.**

For two weeks ending Nov. 26.

Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Val.,	Total,	Del.
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**FLORIDA**

Mrs. E. R. Button	PPF	56	46	84.00	101.60	
E. R. Button	DR PPF	9	16	27.50	29.00	.50
W. A. Morris	PG	66	28	87.00	89.00	2.00
Mrs. A. F. Burgess	CK	73	34	60.75	60.75	
J. E. Baker	CK	43	53	60.50	85.50	2.00
Mrs. T. J. Adams	CK	4	4	4.00	12.75	
Etta Crawford	CK	4	7	7.00	16.25	
Mary Manns	BFL	7	4	4.00	4.25	3.25
Etta Thomas	BFL	6	4	4.50	4.50	
L. J. Mouford	BFL	12	16	20.50	25.50	16.00

**CUMBERLAND for four weeks**

H. B. Thompson	BFL	58	69	71.00	74.30	30.00
G. M. Powell	CK	146	5	97.50	103.05	34.05
C. L. Wrinkle	DR	60	97	16.00	21.15	4.70
A. D. Day	BFL	40	9	9.00	12.50	1.75
Fannie Fine	CK	19	22	22.00	25.00	
E. D. Haskell	GC	142	45	59.25	113.20	14.55
S. F. Reeder	CK	20	14	14.00	20.45	.45
Chas. Harris	CK	31	30	32.00	35.90	.15
R. A. Judy	BFL	113	15	15.00	48.50	26.15
Walter Kirkham	BFL	66	14	14.50	28.55	8.25
Mrs. E. Carr	CK	70	40	41.00	48.50	1.25
G. E. Green	PF	20	7	17.50	17.50	

**NORTH CAROLINA**

W. H. George	GC	42	3	14.75	26.10	103.35
G. L. Kerley	DR	80	37	101.75	107.00	5.25
R. L. Underwood	DR	110	98	190.75	207.25	23.00
J. W. Moore	DR	35				54.25
W. E. Lanier	DR	61	34	59.58	63.50	7.50
M. L. Branch	DR	33	4	8.00	10.25	2.25
J. P. Allran	CK	78	13	13.00	20.35	45.35
A. W. Spaulding	CK	29	24	24.00	26.00	25.00
O. R. Steed	CK	36	5	5.00	8.00	5.00
Irregular	Misc	9	3	3.00	5.50	12.25
R. J. Underwood	DR	19	12	25.00	27.50	2.50

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

G. B. Case	DR	51	2	3.00	3.00	29.25
J. B. Wise	DR	45	3	5.25	5.25	9.25
H. B. Gallion	GC	6	8	14.25	17.25	2.00
C. L. Belue 4 wks.	DR	149				585.25
Sarah Thompson	BFL	10	3	3.00	3.25	
Rose Lull	BFL	60	6	7.00	16.60	16.00
E. W. Carey	DR	50	19	49.25	66.50	
O. R. Robetson	BFL	70	45	45.00	48.00	22.00

**Summary**

South Carolina	Total	441	86	126.75	159.85	463.75
North Carolina	Total	532	234	444.75	501.45	283.70
Cumberland	Total	815	367	409.75	548.60	121.25
Florida	Total	283	212	359.75	429.10	23.75