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SOUTHEASTERN UNION CONFERENCE JANUARY 11-18

The above date is the time when the first biennial session of the Southeastern Union Conference will convene. We feel sure this meeting will be one of much importance to the work in this field. Elder Daniels, president of the General Conference, and other efficient helpers representing the various departments of the general work will be present.

It is expected that each president in the Union will be prepared to give a full and complete report of the work in his respective field covering the bi-ennial period. We hope the departmental secretaries will also be prepared to report the progress and needs of their departments. These reports will not only be interesting but of much value in planning the future policy of our work.

The Committee on arrangements is planning to entertain all at actual cost. *But it must be remembered by all that no bedding will be furnished.* Hence each must bring his own. A failure on your part to do so will discomfort you and inconvenience the committee. We trust all will remember this and aid the committee by harmonizing with the request.

January 11-18 is the date, Atlanta, Georgia, is the place.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

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VISITS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Thursday, November 25, I left home for a short trip to visit some of the isolated Sabbath keepers and churches. My first visit was at Eufola. I spent the night with Elder Johnson, and listened with interest to some of the experiences Brother Johnson has had in trying to establish the work he has in hand.

In the morning it was my privilege to visit the school and talk to the students. Elder Johnson is conducting a self sacrificing work, and having some hard struggles to keep the work going. He needs our prayers.

Friday noon I took the train for High Point where Brother Killen joined me, and we went on to Summerfield to spend the Sabbath. At

this place, I had the pleasure of leading a Sister and her son down into the water to be buried with their Lord in baptism.

Returning to Greensboro I spent one day with Elder Brown planning for work in the Conference, for the week of prayer, etc.

From here I went to Kernersville, where brethren Slate and Hahn live. I spoke once in a school house and had a good attendance.

Going on to Winston, I enjoyed a few hours visit with Brother Self, and arrived at Archdale before the Sabbath. Archdale at one time was a strong church, but many have moved away. I spoke four times at this place besides talking to the young people Sabbath evening. The brethren seemed to appreciate my visit, and were encouraged. They recognize the importance of the education of their children, and have just started a church-school.

From here I went on to Concord, Charlotte and Catawaba, calling on the lone Sabbath-keepers at these points.

I reached home a few days earlier than I expected, spending Sabbath, December 4, at Hildebran.

Brethren, time speeds on, let us improve the moments in real service for Christ.

G. W. WELLS.

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AN OLD SOLDIER CAPTURED

A letter just received from one of our Georgia canvassers has in substance the following. November 16th, I delivered a Great Controversy to an old soldier. I called the following Sunday night and found that he had read nineteen chapters and was much interested; said that he would not take one hundred dollars for it if he could not get another.

Sunday, November 30th, it was my privilege to meet him again; found that he had finished reading Great Controversy, saw the Sabbath, was willing to investigate further, and bought Daniel and The Revelation.

Sunday, December 5, I learned that he had kept his first Sabbath, the day before, and manifested a strong determination to keep it the

rest of his life. He spoke of a very common unclean habit that he would have to give up, subscribed for the Watchman, and is now walking in the light as the Lord gives him strength.

S. T. WALKER.

Of course we realize that this case is rather an exceptional one. Exceptional, in as much as the canvasser is not always permitted to see the immediate results of his work. It is comforting however to know that the results will surely come, though we have times to patiently wait for it.

Could we lift the veil to the future, and get a glimpse at the earth made new, and see the happy surprise that awaits the faithful canvasser in greeting souls saved in the Kingdom by their efforts, we would only be too glad to take part in the work now, and pray that the Lord may keep us from getting weary in well doing.

V. O. COLE.

FLORIDA ITEMS

Since our good camp meeting at Orlando our laborers have dispersed to their various posts of duty and have all been actively engaged in the work.

Miss Mae Hollingsworth is now in Bartow assisting in the office work. This long felt need in the office is greatly appreciated.

Miss Elsie Hollingsworth has left the state for Atlanta where she has been called to assist in the sanitarium work.

Brother and Sister Webster have resumed their work on the east coast at Ormond and vicinity. They are being blessed physically, and are happy in their work. They report several who are deeply interested.

Brother E. R. Button, who has been called to act as State Agent, with his wife is now located in Lakeland, and is very busy in shaping and doing the work of this department. We welcome these busy ones to our Conference.

Brethren W. H. Branson and C. V. Achenbach are holding a course of meetings at Lockheart and are now in the most important part of the meeting. There are a number who are favorable to the truth and are in the valley of decision. Let us remember them in our prayers.

Brother W. K. Achenbach returned to Jacksonville and is continuing his work with an increasing interest. He finds his time fully occupied, and is being invited to speak in other churches. His daughter Elsie is living with him this winter. This will brighten the home of Brother Achenbach.

The colored camp meeting at Winter Park brought a blessing to our colored people. Bro-

ther Manns has been very busy in closing the series of meetings there and reports several who have accepted the truth.

Brother Whitford remained in Orlando to receive physical benefit, but finds his time partly occupied giving Bible readings. Brother Whitford is at home where he can read the Bible and tell the people of the soon coming Saviour.

We are glad to note that our tent meetings are being partly sustained by good donations from the people.

Some interest is being manifested in the Sunday night Bible Lectures being held in the Tampa church. The outside attendance, though small at first, is gradually increasing.

Elder LeRoy T. Crisler and wife are visiting about one hundred homes per week with the Family Bible Teacher. This city of 50,000 inhabitants, 10,000 of whom are Cubans, presents quite a missionary field. Sister Burgos is doing faithful work canvassing among the Cubans. She conducts a Sunday school in their midst, and has a class in the church every Sabbath, teaching them in Spanish.

In her work there she has found a vegetarian restaurant and sanitarium being conducted similarly to the work of our own sanitariums. The way seems to be opening for a greater work among this people.

Sabbath, Dec. 11th., Elder LeRoy T. Crisler held services with the Lakeland church, and baptized two young men, brethren G. G. Green and J. E. Baker, who have recently accepted the truth. It is gratifying to see noble young men sever their connections with the world, and consecrate their talents to the service of the Lord.

Brother Baker is engaged in the canvassing work, and meeting with encouraging success.

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GREENVILLE SOUTH CAROLINA

The work in this city among the colored people is onward. Since my last report I have been very busy all the time preaching, visiting, and holding Bible readings. Our Church is progressing nicely, in fact their spiritual condition is good. In their Sabbath-school duties they are doing well, when it is considered that the majority of them never had opportunity to obtain a literary training. Notwithstanding they love the truth. Some are paying a faithful tithe, although very poor. It is a real fact that only those who are living in the South know of its stubborn conditions.

The workers in these Southern states need the prayers of all of God's children. For indeed responsibility rests upon every one of us to do

our part and do it nobly.

We believe by the creation of the Colored Department the work will go faster among the thousands of the South.

Sabbath and Sunday, October 23 and 24, wife and I visited Spartanburg, and found the company of good courage in the message. We observed their spiritual condition to be excellent. There we met with Elder T. H. Jeys and Brother H. B. Gallion. The former preached a most excellent and timely sermon to the colored company. It was cheering to all, and our souls were refreshed indeed.

The company at Spartanburg needs to be re-organized and put on a working bases, so the light can be extended to others.

Elder Sydney Scott, by his tent effort, has added some members to the Sumter Church, for which we are glad.

We have some isolated Sabbath-keepers through out the state. The cloud is moving onward, and the honest in heart are being drawn to the light of the glorious Third Angels Message. Surely we are receiving some drops of the latter rain, but, Oh, we need its fullness, for the work is great.

Our Mission school here which was operated by W. M. Jackson last fall, was opened by my wife, October 4, with six pupils. Since that time fifteen were added. More will be coming as soon as harvest time is over.

We are pushing ahead with the Harvest In-gathering for Missions. May the Lord shower down blessings upon the whole harvest field. I believe the people have a mind to work. It is true we have many Sanballats and Tobiahs to contend with, but we are sure that no fox can go upon the wall to break it down. Our God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, is the builder, and we are called to co-operate with Him. I am thankful to have a part among God's chosen people in this closing message.

J. T. Crichlow.

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FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

The cause is assuming a healthy appearance in South Carolina, and we rejoice that this is so.

We have had several additions to our canvassing force since our last report, and they are doing nicely. One of our newest bookworkers made a delivery, his first one in the state, of 98%.

Brother R. H. Gilman of Benton Harbor, Michigan, is working with good success with Great Controversy.

Brother James Brown, of Cherokee, is out

again after having passed through a serious case of sickness.

Elder E. W. Carey is meeting with good success in Aiken County. He handles Daniel and the Revelation.

H. B. Gallion is working with Great Controversy in Sumter County.

Brother G. B. Case continues to handle Daniel Revelation. He likes to sell that book, he says.

Sister Caroline Miller, over fifty years old, is doing faithful work with our papers and small books in Columbia.

Sister Rose Lull is finishing her delivery at Camden, preparatory to beginning work in Chester S. C.

There seems to be a splendid spirit of unity and labor, and we hope and pray that God's precious cause may rapidly advance during the season.

With our hearts full of courage, and the assurance of the final triumph of God's people, let us buckle on the harness a little tighter and press on to victory.

Notice as to our Institute for canvassers, time place, etc will appear later.

H. B. GALLION, *Field Agent*

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CANVASSERS EXPERIENCE AT EUTAW ALABAMA

"And they departed from the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." Acts 5:41. Dear brethren we are glad to report our experience in the County jail for five days, it being the first time. I am sure you would like to know just why we were there. Well, I will tell you. First, for the word of God; second, for crossing a man's field with the Word of God on the printed page, not knowing at the time, just where we were. Nevertheless we were put in jail, and are thankful to our God to be counted worthy to suffer imprisonment for His sake.

We held meetings twice a day during our stay there in jail, counting it all joy, knowing that "the trial of our faith worketh patience, and patience, experience, and experience, hope, and hope maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Romans 5:3-5, 1 John 3:3. "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf." 1 Peter 4:16.

I am sure you would be glad to know of one that has taken his stand for the Truth of God, in jail. This man had suffered imprisonment for eleven months, and, being a wicked man, he

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Entered as second class matter, at the post-office at Graysville, Tenn., Feb. 11, 1900, under act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

attempted to take his own life. First, he tried to hang himself with a cord; second, by taking poisonous drugs. On the day we were put in prison, he thought to kill himself by taking four doses of morphine.

So dear brethren and sisters, God works all things together for good. He wanted that man saved. Praise the name of our Lord forever! The good Lord brought us out by the hand of the one that put us in jail.

November 19, we were asked by the prisoners to come back and hold some more meetings with them, so we went back on last Sabbath and Sunday and held Bible readings with them. We know that God blessed our meeting. We ask the prayers of our brethren for them. Pray for the one that has taken his stand to keep all the commandments of God, with the Sabbath.

C. G. MANNS.

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SOUTHEASTERN UNION CONFERENCE

Notice is hereby given that the first biennial session of the Southeastern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 507 East Fair St., Atlanta, Georgia, January 11-13, 1910. The first meeting is called for nine A. M. January 11.

Each conference is entitled to one delegate and one additional delegate for every fifty members. All delegates will please be present at the first meeting to participate in its deliberations.

CHAS. THOMPSON, president.

R. T. DOWSETT, secretary.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the first biennial meeting of the Southeastern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist Church building, 507 East Fair St., Atlanta, Georgia, on Friday, January 14, 1910, at ten A. M., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing biennial term. Also to consider any business in the interest of the Association, and for the purpose of adopting a constitution and by-laws of the said association, and any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

CHAS. THOMPSON, president.

R. T. DOWSETT secretary.

WANTED— A good, strong, boy to work on farm during the summer. Address, Wm. Lenker, Graysville, Tenn.

SPECIAL NOTICE

In order to help the Committee on Arrangements in their plans for the Bookmen's Convention and Conference meeting to be held in Atlanta, January 7-18, we would be glad to hear from every one who is expecting to attend this gathering, so that we can plan accommodations for you. It will be absolutely necessary for all those who come to provide themselves with sufficient bedding to keep them comfortable.

All delegates should please send in their names at once so that we may know who are coming as delegates. An effort will be put forth to make all comfortable but it will be necessary for us to have the above information at once in order to arrange for your needs. We will endeavor to make the cost as low as possible.

The Church is located at 507 East fair Street. East fair Street cars pass the building. Come directly to the Church. There will be those there to direct you to your location.

R. T. DOWSETT, 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Georgia.

GEORGIA CANVASSERS OF GOOD COURAGE

The workers all have the spirit that says go, and the Lord is greatly blessing them as they forward march.

It is, as you understand, a little hard to deliver books in this part of the field at any other time than in the fall.

This is a good field for a worker to have his faith tested. While most of the boys have gone through thick and thin, they seem to understand that the remnant people are to be a tried people. Pray for us.

W. S. FULLBRIGHT.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference.

For two weeks ending Dec. 11.

Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Val.,	Total,	Del.
NORTH CAROLINA						
W. E. Lanier	DR	80	43	46.00	56.50	14.25
G. L. Kerley	DR	86			.75	219.25
R. L. Underwood	DR	79	82	218.50	236.00	17.50
M. L. Branch	DR	51			8.25	73.00
J. P. Allran	CK	68	24	24.00	35.25	46.25
A. W. Spalding	CK	30	21	21.00	23.50	2.50
N. Q. Smith	CK	12				8.50
W. L. Killen	Misc.	10	5	5.00	29.50	29.50
SOUTH CAROLINA						
G. B. Case	DR	75	27	56.75	57.10	.35
R. H. Gilman	GC	82	37	105.00	108.50	2.00
Caroline Miller	Misc	100	12	4.50	21.40	21.40
H. B. Gallion	GC	65	13	33.75	35.00	1.25
V. O. Cole	DR	22	10	26.50	29.00	2.50
Wose Lull	BFL	41	4	4.00	12.60	5.00
J. B. Rise	DR	32	2	3.50	5.50	9.50
E. W. Carey	DR	47	14	33.50	55.75	11.80
O. R. Robertson	BFL	21	10	10.00	10.00	29.50
Jas Brown	CL	33	6	6.00	6.00	5.00
GEORGIA						
J. A. Suddeth	DR	31	5	12.75	14.75	2.00
R. O. Terry	DR	48	20	41.25	44.75	12.75
W. F. Boles	DR	17			1.50	12.50
G. D. Raff	DR	84	17	49.75	57.50	9.00
Mrs. R. O. Terry	DR	4	1	2.75	2.75	2.75
N. A. Reibes	BFL	62	29	29.00	35.00	38.25
B. N. Brown	ES	60	78	39.00	39.00	39.00
B. F. Brown	Misc	69	18	18.00	31.50	65.40
D. A. Fisher	Misc	46	18	29.50	33.80	3.75
J. A. Kimmel	Misc	111	25	26.25	51.35	79.75
Papers						
FLORIDA						
Mrs. E. R. Button	PPF	48	33	54.50	61.10	
E. R. Button	DR	5	7	12.50	12.50	
W. A. Morris	PG	36	18	58.00	64.50	126.00
J. E. Baker	CK	37	73	78.50	88.75	2.00
Mrs. A. F. Burnos	CK	43	22	33.25	33.25	17.50
Etta Crawford	UK	7	14	16.50	29.50	
Mrs. T. I. Adams	CK	4	4	4.00	7.00	
Ella Thomas	BFL	9	10	10.50	12.75	2.25
L. J. Mouford	BFL	4	2	3.00	4.50	4.50
Hattie Reed	BFL	4				25.00

Summary

Florida	Total	197	173	270.75	313.85	190.25
Georgia	Total	532	210	365.75	320.90	265.15
North Carolina	Total	433	186	328.85	408.65	519.65
South Carolina	Total	518	135	285.50	339.85	88.30