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OFFERINGS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

We as a people are face to face with the most gigantic missionary problem that has ever rested upon the shoulders of humanity,—that of giving the closing message to the world in this generation. It must go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. This is a responsibility placed upon us by the God of Heaven, and no individual can with safety accept the message and shrink the responsibility. The two things most needed are men and means. Our training schools are well filled with our young people who are preparing as never before to respond to the Macedonian call; and our General Conference Committee is endeavoring to secure the necessary funds that the call may be answered speedily. We are all aware that no time should be wasted.

That sufficient means may be secured to meet the demands, the General Conference has recommended the plan of each member giving a sum equalling ten cents per week, for Foreign Missions. Each Union conference has adopted this recommendation, and each local conference stands pledged to endeavor to raised this amount.

Last year the Southeastern Union conference failed, with several others, to reach the mark. But we confidently expect the record for 1910 to be different. It can be if all will put forth the proper effect.

Now brethren and sisters, let us each plan for this as we plan for the necessities of life. Talk it to our children. Educate each member of the family with regard to its importance. See that all have some source of income for this purpose. All we need to do to raise this amount is to plan for it, keep it in mind, and make it a weekly practice. Let each increase his Sabbath-school offering. Plan to put something in the envelope Sabbaths, also be prepared to respond liberally to the mid-summer and annual offerings, and when it is all gathered at the end of the year, the Southeastern will have raised her part, and none will be the poorer as the result.

Think of the amount of money others spend for liquor, tobacco, tea, coffee, dress, and entertainments that have been saved to us by this blessed message many times more than ten cents per week. I am sure that many of us spend needlessly more than that amount yet. So, brethren, let us awake to our responsibility, arise to our privileges, and give liberally of our means to hasten the message to the dark corners of the earth. Then Jesus will come and gather us into the home prepared for the faithful.

CHAS. THOMPSON, *President*
Southeastern Union Conference.

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PROVERBS FOR CANVASSERS

Get things to moving early in the morning keep 'em moving all day, and don't be content to imitate the pace of the ice wagon.

Don't think you've crossed the finish line because you've made a good and an early start.

The fact that you led the field at the break-away doesn't prove that you may not be distanced in the home stretch.

The race isn't won until you pass under the the wire. You won't have any prize ribbons pinned on your coat for starting, and starting early in the morning. The canvasser who keeps moving all day is the only one who will have a chance to parade in front of the judges' stand and get a piece of the money.

Getting books before the people lies not alone in an early start, but in a continuous effort.

The canvasser who works eight hours a day when he could have worked ten just as well as not, has lost two and a half months at the end of the year. He has lost more than that—he has lost \$250.00 profits. He has lost even more than that. He has lost two and a half months of opportunity to carry the precious message into the homes of the people, and that is the saddest loss of all.

Consolidation! Adding the rest of the hours of the day to the early morning hours—this is what results in a good string of orders. Solid rocks are made by compacting particles.

That's a statement in geology, but I guess it will go in canvassing, too.

It somehow is against human nature to want to persevere. Men want to succeed, but they do not want to persevere.

We are all willing to "start something," but please do not ask us to finish it.

"We'll begin anything you say," is the attitude of a good many, but do not expect us to keep it up—at least for more than a limited period. We'll work for three hours, but if a dog-fight starts down the street—well, excuse us; we've got to go and see it.

If one of the curs proves to be of the bulldog variety, learn from him a lesson. His only claim to fame is based on a single great quality—he can hang on to a proposition and see it through to the end. When he attaches himself to anything, it is safe to say that time will elapse before he will let go. After you have seen his display, go back into your field and stay right with it until called elsewhere.

And, while you remain in your appointed territory, guard your moments as sacredly as a bank cashier guards the dollars entrusted to his care. And as you thus guard your moments be cheerful. Cheerfulness is contagious. No man can look a good-natured fellow-man square in the face, and hang on to a case of the grouch for any great length of time.

Lakeland, Fla.

E. R. BUTTON,

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CUMBERLAND NEWS ITEMS

Miss Maude Dortch, who has been connected with the work at Athens, has now located in Chattanooga and will do aggressive Bible work in that city.

Elder Sanford reports a new Sabbath-keeper at Alton Park, the result of Bible readings held in that place. Several of his readers attended church at Chattanooga last week.

Let our church and Sabbath-school officers take notice that all our periodicals and Sabbath-school supplies are to be ordered through our missionary secretary, Miss Minnie Hildebrand, at Graysville, Tenn. Send cash with order.

The Graysville church has subscribed \$1200 for the \$300,000 fund, which is \$300 over their quota. This is very commendable, and we encourage all our church officers to take up this work with their churches and isolated members and raise their quota.

Last Sabbath the church in Chattanooga was favored with a visit from Elder Thompson

and \$245 was raised on the \$300,000 fund. This was \$25 over their quota.

Our fund to purchase a suitable outfit for the dining tent is growing. Already \$50 has been subscribed. Send in your donations, brethren and sisters, to P. G. Stanley, 1217 Duncan Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Last week a canvassers' institute was held at Cleveland. It was the most remarkable meeting of its kind ever held in the Conference, if not in the Union. Nineteen, from different parts of the Conference were present, and the most of them will go direct from the institute to their fields of labor. Brethren Cole and Reeder gave practical instruction in the sale of our books, and Elders Thompson and Stanley gave some helpful Bible studies.

At the close of the canvassers' institute at Cleveland, the church raised their quota on the \$300,000 fund, and some over. Their quota was \$200.

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TAMPA, FLORIDA

This city has recently attracted the attention of the public at large because of the great Panama Canal Celebration, just ended. Different nationalities graced the occasion with several of their war vessels, and the British Ambassador Bryce, as well as other speakers of note, lauded the advantages and future possibilities of this near port to the Panama Canal, when completed.

Daily flights of airships, under the perfect control of man, helped to vividly verify the truth to the student of prophecy, that "Knowledge shall be increased."

Among the teeming multitudes that came seeking for gain and pleasure, we saw little evidence of their realizing that the end of all things draws on apace. Truly it behooves us who have been made the depositaries of sacred truth to quicken our steps and warn the world of its impending doom.

We have in this city a beautiful stone church with a membership of over fifty, as a memorial for the truth. Our Sunday night lectures are quite well attended, and we find a disposition on the part of many to at least read the literature we distribute from week to week.

The last two Sabbaths were enjoyable occasions for our church. The former was Young People's Day, and it was indeed interesting to see how all, both young and old, enjoyed the program rendered.

Last Sabbath was "Consecration Day". The

beautiful spring morning seemed to have been especially prepared by our Heavenly Father for the occasion.

The trees putting forth their new leaves, the mockingbirds warbling their sweet melodies, the air filled with the fragrance of orange blossoms and flowers, and all bathed in the effulgence of Florida sunshine, bespoke to us the favor and love of the One from whom all blessings flow.

The Sabbath-school, after the regular recitation of the lesson, was merged into a consecration service. We have seldom seen a meeting that was more spiritual. The response to the call to come forward and reconsecrate all to the Master, reminded us of some campmeeting scenes.

We were glad to have with us two of our new Sabbath-keepers; one, the wife of a cigar manufacturer, and the other, a young man who is a fluent speaker of Spanish and a teacher in the Sunday-school of a Cuban mission of this city.

We crave an interest in your daily devotions that God may continue his blessing with us.

LEROY T. CRISLER.

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TIDINGS FROM GEORGIA

Cartersville: It has been sometime since we have written for our *Field Tidings*, but as we to-day find ourselves starting in on another month, and that a spring month, we thought to let our dear brethren and sisters in the message hear how the battles have been and are going with us.

First, we would say that the Lord is good and that we are of good courage. While there has been much illness and several deaths in our little town since we last reported, the dear Lord has remembered us all along with his tender mercies and a reasonable degree of health and strength, though our health has not been at all times the best.

We are not trying to set the world afire and receive unwanted notoriety, but we are trying to do some good by the help of the Lord. We are working on first principles, laying the foundation, and preparing the soil for a crop in the near future, though we are beginning to see some little fruit already.

In figures our reports for Jan. and Feb. are as follows: Bible readings 23; missionary visits 1,827; periodicals distributed, 367; pages of Family Bible Teacher distributed, 13,372; subscriptions to periodicals, 2.

Perhaps some of these visits should have been called Bible readings, yet were not. We have also several books lent out all the time. The chief official of the city is a subscriber to Protestant Magazine, and likes it very much. I

have recently lent him a copy of the Marvel of Nations.

Brother K.—who is with us and canvassing, the town and surrounding country is having, very good success with "Practical Guide to Health." He sells that now to the people that he could not interest in Great Controversy last fall. All things considered we are of good courage and ask an interest in the prayers of God's people for ourselves and the work here.

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CANVASSER'S INSTITUTE AT CLEVELAND.

As I write this we are nearing the close of the most successful canvasser's institute that has ever been held in the Cumberland Conference since I have been connected with it. It is easy to see that the canvassing spirit is not dead yet in this conference if there have been but few actively engaged for the past few months. There have been nineteen in all taking part in the classes here, ranging in age from seventeen to sixty-five. I trust that a goodly number of these will engage actively in the circulation of the printed page from this time forward till the Lord shall say, "come up higher". This is a crisis in the lives of some of these young people. I trust that all will pray that the Lord's blessing will especially attend them as they enter the field. I, too, crave the especial co-operation of God's spirit in training them in field work.

S. F. REEDER.

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CONVENTION

We hope that all of the young people in South Carolina and many of the older ones, too, are planning to attend the Missionary Volunteer Convention to be held at Spartanburg, March 26-27. Our program promises to be both interesting and instructive. Nearly all of our conference workers will be present to assist in making this a profitable occasion. Let all pray that the Lord will send His Spirit into our midst.

Eliza Warner, M. V. Sec.

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ON THE WAY TO PORTO RICO

Writing from New Orleans, March 7th at which place he had met Brother A. U. Cochran, Brother G. D. Raff says:—

"We expected our boat to sail March 8, but it has just arrived from Porto Rico loaded with sugar, so we will be here till March 15th or 16th. Then we will bid farewell to our home land."

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"Of all the places where I have canvassed Georgia was the most successful field. The people of Georgia are very generous and their kindness to me will never be forgotten. Since coming to Georgia in May 1909, I delivered nearly \$600.00 worth of books and about \$100.00 worth of papers, at every turn I have witnessed the good hand of the Lord. Rain and sunshine shade and bright, all has worked for good. Remember us before the throne of grace, as I know we will meet with many trials in our new field. Our address will be Mayagues, Porto Rico, care William Steele." L. D. RANDALL.

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE CANVASSING WORK IN THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE DURING FEB., 1910

| CONFERENCE, | ACTS., | HRS., | ORDS., | VAL., | DEL. |
|----------------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Florida | 22 | 1556 | | \$2715.15 | \$1110.35 |
| Georgia | 9 | 603 | 185 | 523.10 | 30.00 |
| North Carolina | 6 | 549 | 243 | 375.50 | 472.20 |
| South Carolina | 11 | 630 | 152 | 252.00 | 221.95 |
| Cumberland | 4 | 246 | 55 | 97.45 | 120.30 |
| Total | 52 | 3584 | 625 | 3961.25 | 2005.20 |

Respectfully Submitted,

V. O. COLE.

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| | Jan. | Feb. |
|--------------------|----------|--------|
| Brayton, | \$ 40.42 | |
| Cove | 21.76 | \$.80 |
| Cleveland, | 109.23 | 70.24 |
| Chattanooga No. 1, | 16.72 | |
| Chattanooga No. 2, | | 86.86 |
| Copper Ridge, | 3.00 | 7.25 |
| Daylight | | 190.95 |
| Graysville, | 391.66 | 113.26 |
| Individual | 11.42 | 16.28 |
| Knoxville No. 1, | | |
| Knoxville No 2, | 130.70 | 73.32 |
| Mission Ridge, | | 38.38 |
| Toco. | 218.74 | |

MINNIE L. HILDEBRAND, Treas.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS FOR SECOND QUARTER

The Sabbath-school lessons from April to June are a continuance of the present series on the Life of Christ. These

are now in stock at the Atlanta Office of the Southern Publishing Association. Those who have placed standing orders have already received their new quarterlies. Orders should be sent promptly so as to get the lessons before the end of March. Where arrangements, for handling these orders at the conference office have not been made, orders should be addressed to Southern Publishing Association Atlanta, Ga.

NORTH CAROLINA CANVASSERS INSTITUTE

North Carolina will begin a 10 days study with her bookmen at 9.00 A. M. March 29. Hildebrand is the place chosen. Elder G. W. Wells and V. O. Cole will be present to give counsel and assistance. All who are planning to join us on this occasion should write the undersigned at Hickory, N. C. Route 4. H. B. TILDEN.

1910 YEAR BOOK

The new S. D. A. Year book is now ready for circulation. This is one of the most complete publications of its kind that has ever been issued and is not only valuable as a reference book but contains information which should interest every loyal Seventh-day Adventist. It will be sent post-paid on receipts of 25 cents. Orders should be addressed to the Southern Publishing Association, 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga., except as elsewhere announced.

A FEAST OF GOOD THINGS

Beginning the first of April "immediately following the Home Bible Study series", the publishers of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES WEEKLY have prepared a veritable "feast of good things". We call special attention to the following.

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