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GEORGIA

I spent Sabbath, Feb. 26, with the company at Brunswick, and finding them in good spiritual condition, organized them into a church of twelve members. There are several more Sabbath-keepers in that vicinity who will soon unite with the church. The ordinances of the Lord's house were observed and much enjoyed. We hope to be able to conduct a tent meeting at this place, following up the interest which has been created by the faithful work of Sister Smith and others. While here we learned of a Rev. D. D. Lewis, (colored) who is Corresponding Secretary of the Voluntary African Rescue Industrial Association, of Atlanta, Ga., who claims to have accepted the truth, and desires to become connected with our work. He is originally from Africa and is working in the interest of that people in soliciting funds, intending to return to Africa at an early date. In a letter received from him today he says, "I am working for my people at home (Africa) and had planned to go home myself the 11th of June, 1910, but I feel now that I need to unlearn the things I have been taught and get God's Word so I can divide it to my people as is pleasing to Him. I am determined by the grace of God to keep His commandments." I have arranged to meet Elder Lewis at an early date and hope that he may be one chosen of God to bear this truth to the benighted people in far away Africa. He received the light through "Daniel and the Revelation" sold to him by Elder Bartlett.

March 2 and 3, I visited Savannah, speaking once. Was glad to find quite a few who embraced the truth in our tent work there last fall, faithful and growing in spiritual things. My brother, D. G. Stephenson, is located at this place and is kept busy conducting Bible readings in the homes of the people and lecturing in our hall and at the union church at Thunderbolt. A Catholic lady has recently accepted the Sabbath. Tent meetings will begin there soon. Brother N. A. Reiber, or Fitzgerald, has been invited to connect with this work.

March 3rd, I met with the Macon church.

Elder Shadel is conducting a ten days meeting at this place and reports the blessing of the Lord in his services. Brother Williams also spent several days visiting the colored company here.

I spent Sabbath, the 5th, with the Atlanta churches, speaking at church No. 2 at eleven o'clock and church No. 1 at 3 P. M.

Sunday, the 6th, I spent in Cartersville, speaking at the home of Sister Deyer to quite a company who gathered to hear the word of God. Brother and Sister Manous have been doing faithful work at this place, since camp-meeting, distributing The Family Bible Teacher in nearly four hundred homes. It seems wise to follow up this work with a tent effort as soon as the weather will permit.

I am glad to say that our people are responding readily to the three-hundred-thousand-dollar fund and I hope that Georgia will soon be able to say "It is done." Let us not fall below our last years financial record.

We believe that the cloud is lifting in Georgia and that brighter days are coming. Our workers are all united and of good courage.

March 13, '10. C. B. STEPHENSON,
Pres., Georgia Conf.

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CANVASSERS FOR THE BAHAMAS

During the last meeting of the General Conference it was decided that the Bahama Islands be given to the Southeastern Union Conference to be worked as a mission field; therefore, we are sure that our brethren of the Union would be glad to know of the conditions that exist on these islands as well as some of the needs of the field.

Elder W. A. Sweaney and wife, together with a self-supporting person, are the only workers on these islands, and perhaps the best way of getting some of the facts regarding the country before the readers of this paper is to quote a portion of Brother Sweaney's recent letter:

The inhabited portion of the Bahama Islands consists of 25 island scattered over an

areal of 800 miles from north to south, and about 400 from east to west." The aggregate land surface is about equal to Porto Rico, and the combined population is about 7000, in proportion of 15 colored to one white. The climate of these islands is as nearly perfect as can be found in this sin-cursed earth.

All kinds of garden products commonly raised in the temperate and semi-tropical countries are produced there. Citrous fruits of all kinds are grown and exported in large quantities.

On some of these islands are splendid forests of hard pine, and a large saw-mill is located at Andros Island.

Brother Sweaney says that he is certain our literature will sell well. In his experience during the last eight years in the Lesser Antilles he has sold a large number of books. The temporal conditions of the people are not as bad as some places where he has been, and he believes the canvassing work demands immediate attention.

"The ideal would be for a family who knows, and can live and teach the truth, to settle in these islands. A family in each island would be best of all. They might get a place where they could partly or wholly earn their living, while working among the people with the printed page. This would give both husband and wife work to do in the cause.

"The people of these islands, as well as all British colonies and countries, are courteous, friendly, and hospitable. Of course everywhere one goes some bigotry, prejudice, and opposition will be found, but it is certainly not worse here than in the United States.

"Agents are not so common in these small islands as to become a nuisance, as is the case in larger communities, and when one approaches them in the right way, he is gladly received and entertained to the very best of their ability.

I believe a thoroughly trained canvasser can sell a number of books to the well-to-do families here, but perhaps *Coming King*, and other small books would be best to handle first.

"We are supremely happy and contented here, and see no reason why any one should not be. We see many omens of encouragement and hope to be able to develop a company here who shall keep all the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

The Southeastern Union Conference voted to send two experienced canvassers to this field as soon as they could be secured. We are now looking for suitable persons to fill this call.

Graysville, Tenn.

V. O. COLE.

SAVANNAH GEORGIA

After closing the meetings at Ty Ty, Georgia, where a company was brought out, and a lot donated for a church building, I was transferred to Savannah, where Elders C. B. Stephenson and S. T. Shadel had been laboring, and a company obeying. They had a hall in which to hold meetings on Sabbath and Sunday nights. I at once had invitations to hold meetings in the homes. These I accepted and have been holding meetings once a week at these homes. I began as usual, with a regular course of study. Some have accepted and are ready for church membership. Two of the students at one of these classes were Catholics. They borrowed a Bible from the priest and would bring it to the meetings and study from it. In presenting the little horn of Daniel 7:25, I called on one of them to read what this power would seek to do. He read, "He shall think himself able to change the times and laws." He was then asked to read Ex. 20:8-11. Afterwards they went to the priest, who told them the Catholic church changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday. They are now keeping the Sabbath, and we hope the young man will make a worker for the truth.

I have sold five copies of B. R., three D. R., six helps, and many Tracts treating on the doctrines for the present time.

Many interesting experiences come to the child of God laboring in the front.

We hope to begin meetings in the tent in a few weeks.

The workers here are encouraged and praising the Lord for a knowledge of His word.

D. G. STEPHENSON.

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TRAINING SCHOOL ITEMS

The annual meeting of the Southern Training School board was held, according to appointment, at Graysville, March 6 and 7. The board gave considerable time to the study of the problems of the school. It was voted to establish several industries, and to strengthen those we already have.

The annual report of the Principal showed that the school was holding its own, although it had not grown much by way of increased enrolment.

A careful consideration of the needs led the board to vote to build a boy's dormitory capable of rooming from 25 to 30 boys. The school already owns about \$700 worth of lumber. Work will be commenced on the dormitory in the near future.

The class in botany, which was organized about six weeks ago, is doing excellent work. Just now the agricultural department of the school is quite alive, preparing ground and getting in the crops for another year.

Summer School for White Teachers

According to a vote of the Southern and South-eastern Union Conferences, a summer school for white teachers will be held at Graysville, beginning June 13, and lasting four weeks. At the close of the school, two days will be set aside for examinations.

It is very much desired that all educational superintendents in both Unions be present the entire time. Plans are being matured so that expense for board will be very light. All who are recommended by their conference presidents will receive tuition free; bring your recommendations with you.

Those who are interested should correspond with the educational secretary,
Graysville, Tenn. M. B. VANKIRK.

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CUMBERLAND ITEMS

We are glad to report that the work in Cumberland is onward. Most encouraging reports have been received from all our workers. Elder Sanford of Chattanooga reports five new Sabbath-keepers in Alton Park, and others that are deeply interested as the result of Bible readings held in that place.

Elder Kittle is of excellent courage and reports three new Sabbath-keepers in Johnson City, who have taken their stand with us on all points of our faith, all the company have lined up with us on the \$300,000 fund and have sent in \$11.00 on the Tent fund.

Elder Shoup has had a most encouraging experience in his work at Athens, \$81.00 has been raised to purchase chairs and furnishings for their place of worship. Three hundred dollars has been promised toward building a house of worship. The little church at this place is of good courage and is pressing on to victory.

Sister Lenker is of good courage and is doing faithful work in all her departments, she is now in the field visiting our churches in the interest of Christian education.

Brother Reeder, our field agent, is of excellent courage having just closed a most successful canvassers' institute at Cleveland. He is now very busy in the getting his workers started.

The prospects are exceedingly bright that we will have our quota of the \$300,000 fund rais-

ed. The following churches have pledged their quota and over. Graysville, \$1206.00. Cleveland, \$200.00. Chattanooga, \$240.00. Chattanooga, (Colored) \$80.00. East Mission Ridge, \$225.00. Athens, \$59.00. Johnson City, \$35.00. We have confidence that all the rest of our churches will line up and raise their quota.

Our dining tent equipment fund is steadily rising, we have now \$61.00 pledged with half of this amount in hand, send in your donations, to this fund to P. G. Stanley, 1217 Duncan Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Yours for service,

P. G. STANLEY.

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MISSION SCHOOL

Jacksonville, Florida.

We are glad to say that the dear Lord is wonderfully blessing us in our Mission school here.

We have a very good location just two blocks outside of the city limits on a shell road.

Although there are two district schools near us, yet we have enrolled 56 pupils; and though the attendance is not perfect, yet we have more than one teacher can satisfactory manage.

"Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest: Luke 10:2.

The Lord has so miraculously guided and helped us in this little work that we feel greatly encouraged to "lay aside every weight", and "run," until He shall crown us with an overcomer's reward.

As you pray for this work remember that only two members of this school come from Sabbath-keepers' homes.

Yours in the conflict,

Mrs. L. P. WHETSEL.

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MIAMI, FLORIDA

The tent meetings at this place, under the supervision of Elder E. W. Webster, assisted by a company composed of Mrs. Webster, Brother W. H. Branson and wife, and the writer, are progressing with increasing interest. At a recent meeting in which a discourse on the Judgment given by Brother Branson, an earnest appeal was made for all to seek God with all their heart and to get rid of sin. A number came to the front seat and desired prayers, and many others raised their hands indicating a desire for prayers. Many tears gave evidence that hearts were touched by the tender influence of God's sweet

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spirit. It has been said that Miami was a very hard missionary field, and indications point to the fact that there are some souls here who will respond to the truth. Among those in attendance are members of other churches, who in some instances neglect their own services to attend ours. People are contrasting the power attending the preaching of the prophecies with the power that attends the preaching they hear soothen.

One Methodist minister who was invited to attend, declined and gave as a reason that he was prejudiced against the work of the Devil. After the meetings had been in progress fourteen days, the donations were sixteen dollars and nineteen cents. We thank God for His providing hand. Dear brethren and sisters, play for the work at this place.

C. P. WHITFORD.

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SOUTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE

We closed a successful institute at Woodruff Feb. 10, and scattered to various parts of the state to begin work for the season.

The last night of the institute was devoted to testimony meeting and it was really gratifying to hear the words of good courage and cheer from those who know what it means to battle against great odds in this line of work.

Expressions such as the following will give some idea as to how our little band felt.—“This is the best institute I ever attended,” another, “I never attended a meeting of this kind before where there was such perfect harmony,” another, “I have received help here that will be a source of encouragement to me throughout the year,” still another, “My courage to go on with this work was never brighter.”

A very significant remark was made by one brother during the institute. He was referring to some of the hardships to be endured, and then remarked, “Well, some one must endure them. It has to be done, the work we have undertaken, and I am resolved to work until God says, its enough.” I thought how true that is. Here is a part of God’s vineyard. It must be worked by someone. Who is that someone? May it not be that I am just as much that some one as someone else. Really we don’t have half as hard a time as the celebrated Waldensian missionaries of the Middle Ages, and yet we

have a message, the full fruition of which we may see in this generation. Suppose we do die pushing this work! It’s worth dying for I’m sure. We expect to see a steady increase in our book sales during the year. We are of good courage. H. B. GALLION, *Field Agent*.

MINUTES OF S. E. UNION CONFERENCE

The printing of the minutes of the S. E. Union Conference will be resumed in the next issue of Field Tidings. Pressing matter from the field crowded out those minutes.—E. d.

MOUNT OF BLESSING, NEW EDITION NOW READY

Mount of Blessing, in cloth has been out of print for some time, but can now be obtained, at 75 cents. It is published as 40 per cent book. It contains about one hundred pages more than “Steps to Christ”. It is nicely illustrated and deserves a wide sale. There is also a paper covered edition of this book, at 35 cents.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

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Canvassing Report Southeastern Union Conference for one week ending March 12.

Name,	Book,	Ords.,	Value,	Del.
FLORIDA				
Mrs. E. R. Button	PPF	30	\$8.00	\$7.75
W. A. Morris	PPF	42	91.00	36.00
Hattie Reed	BFL	32	4.50	8.71
Ella Thomas	BFL	27	12.50	3.00
J. E. Baker	PPF	50	78.50	46.25
Mrs. T. I. Adams	CK	9	7.50	4.25
C. D. Wolf	Misc	42	33.35	38.50
G. S. Vreeland	DR	78	173.00	21.95
M. S. Baldwin	PPF	39	55.50	171.00
Anna Orr	SD	27	26.00	
Frieda M. Haegert	SP	28	23.00	50.25
J. M. Boyce	PPF	49	55.00	45.50
F. W. Gotts	PPF	25		57.00
Etta Crawford	CK	9	13.00	5.40
Mary Manns	Misc	9	1.50	6.25
GEORGIA				
For two weeks				
I. T. Merchant	DR	30	38.00	6.00
R. M. Carter	DR	30	24.00	
R. O. Terry	DR	24	2.00	2.00
J. A. Sudduth	DR	62	33.60	3.53
Miss D. Sudduth	CK	26	3.00	2.25
Miss E. Zook	CK	61	67.00	19.50
B. F. Brown	CK	89	40.00	
E. E. Kurtz	PG	124	310.00	
J. A. Kimmel	PG	59	42.00	
C. N. Bivens	DR	17	17.00	41.95
Mrs P. R. Rainwater	BFL	19	12.00	61.00
D. A. Fisher	GC	16	3.00	8.50
CUMBERLAND				
E. D. Haskell	GC	100	21.50	55.45
R. A. Judy	PPF	96	42.50	36.35
J. C. Aust	CK	20	2.00	21.00
Mrs. E. Carr	CK	30	12.50	7.50
NORTH CAROLINA				
M. L. Branch	DR	22	38.00	.75
R. L. Underwood	DR	23		39.75
W. E. Lanier	CK	44	35.50	14.50
J. P. Allran	CK	41	44.00	5.60
Jane Hundley	Misc			4.35
Summary				
North Carolina	Total	130	117.50	64.95
Cumberland	Total	246	78.50	120.30
Georgia	Total	557	591.60	172.70
Florida	Total	486	582.35	501.81