

Field Tidings

The Southeastern Union Conference

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SYNOPSIS OF CONFERENCE

PROCEEDINGS

Continued

Resolutions Passed

Whereas, the blessing of God has richly attended the work of the Southeastern Union Conference during the past two years, the reports showing a large increase in our membership and a good financial gain, therefore,

1. Resolved:—That we express our gratitude to God for His prospering hand, and renew our consecration for vigorous and aggressive work in the future.

Whereas, the Bahama Islands present a field that is unworked and unwarned, and

Whereas, the dissemination of the light of this message can be more quickly done through the circulation of our literature.

2. We recommend:—That at least two suitable persons be secured at the earliest possible moment, to take up the work of evangelistic canvassing in this field, and that transportation be provided to the field.

3. Resolved:—That we endorse the action taken by the General Conference Committee at its recent meeting at College View, Nebraska, with reference to tract society work, and that as far as consistent and practicable we encourage the organization of the tract societies in each conference.

Whereas, at the last session of the General Conference it was voted that three hundred thousand dollars be raised to be used in building homes for our foreign missionaries, and establishing educational, publishing, and medical institutions in foreign fields, and

Whereas, it was decided at the October meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee that this fund be apportioned to the various Union Conferences in the United States and Canada according to membership, therefore,

4. Resolved:—That we heartily approve of these recommendations and cheerfully assume our pro rata share, which amounts to \$6,907.20

and we further recommend,—That each conference in our Union assume its pro rata share of this amount and launch the enterprise at once with a view of completing it before the next session of the General Conference.

5. We recommend:—That the action of the General Conference last May in behalf of the periodical work receive our hearty endorsement, and that we urge our local conferences and churches to take up the important work of distributing our periodicals among the people, on the plan recommended by the General Conference.

6. We recommend:—First, That we recognize that our conferences, by virtue of their location and their appointed work, are the natural and proper agents and promoters of all our tract and missionary efforts in their respective territories.

Second, That the State conference select agents for the ten cent magazines, give them the necessary instruction, assign territory, and handle their orders, and that the publishers be urged to co-operate in organizing this line of work and send tracts, periodicals and supplies only on the order of the conference society, and further, in view of the weak condition of some of our conferences, those conferences wishing to do so, arrange for the Branch Publishing office to handle their subscription book business on the same basis as now in force, that is, giving 5% to the local conference on the subscription book sales within their territory.

Whereas, the General Conference Council, held at College View, last October, recommend that there be inaugurated a campaign of relief for our sanitariums by the sale of "Ministry of Healing" and Life and Health.

7. (a) Resolved:—That this campaign continue for a period of three years.

(b) That at least two copies of "Ministry of Healing" and five copies of Life and Health per year, be sold by each member.

(c) That we request the Atlanta Branch of the Southern Publishing Association to handle

the book for distribution, billing at the full retail price.

(d) That care be taken to incur as little expense as possible in the handling of the book so that the returns from its sale be as large as possible.

(e) That the Union and local conference executive committees be directly responsible for advancing the campaign, and that all other workers assist as far as their work will enable them.

(f) That the proceeds of the campaign in Florida be voted to the Florida Conference Sanitarium interests and in the rest of the territory to the Graysville and Atlanta Sanitariums in proportion to their respective needs as shown at this time by their balance sheets.

Whereas, The name of the legal corporation which now holds title to the Southern Training School in confusing,

8. Resolved:—That the charter of said corporation be amended by the substitution of the name, "Southern Training School of S. D. A. (incorporated)," for the name, "Southern Union Conference Educational Ass'n of S. D. A."

Recognizing the need of more effective organization in the educational department of the Union and the need of maintaining a continually advancing standard of educational work,

9. Resolved:—(a) That this Union invite the Southern Union Conference to unite with it in conducting a four weeks summer school at the Training School in Graysville.

(b) That each conference, as far as consistent, be asked to plan for the attendance of the educational superintendent of the conference, as well as the prospective teachers.

(c) That the conferences in each Union be asked to share the expense incurred in the conduct of the school, such as salary of instructors, railroad fare, etc. pro rata according to the number of persons sent.

The eleventh meeting of the Conference

Was held in the Seventh-day Adventists Church, colored, 209 Greensferry Ave. This meeting was held there since the conference was to consider items in the interest of the Negro Mission Department. After singing, Elder M. C. Strachan led in prayer.

Several hours were devoted, very profitably, to the presentation of different phases of the work for this people. There are upwards of 3,000,000 negro people within the borders of the Union mission; Florida having 230,000, Tennessee 240,000, South Carolina 722,000, North Carolina 629,000, and Georgia 1,000,000, with less than 400 believers.

The following officers were duly elected for this department:

Union Superintendent,—Elder Chas. Thomson.

Secretary and Treasurer,—R. T. Dowsett.

Field Secretary,—M. C. Strachan.

Executive Committee:—Chas. Thompson, R. T. Dowsett, M. C. Strachan, Superintendents of the Local Negro Missions within the Union, and Sydney Scott, J. W. Manns, William Maynor, and R. L. Williams.

The committee on resolutions presented the following recommendations which were unanimously passed:

Whereas, At the last session of the General Conference a North American Negro Department was organized for the purpose of fostering and developing the work of the Third Angel's Message among the colored people, and the following was suggested as a plan of organization.

(a) That the work for the colored people in the Southern, Southwestern and Southeastern Union Conferences be organized on a mission basis in each union.

(b) That as the work develops, local missions may be organized in these Union missions.

(c) That a strong effort be made to quickly place the truth of the message before the colored people of the South in the most effective ways, especially by the use of suitable literature, evangelistic work, and mission schools, therefore,

1. Resolved:—That we heartily concur in this action of the General Conference, and adopt the plans suggested as a working basis.

2. Resolved:—That we approve of the action of the Southeastern Union Conference Executive Committee in organizing a Union Mission and local missions in this conference.

3. Resolved:—That we approve of the plans adopted at a meeting of the North American Department, held at Huntsville, Ala. Sept. 28, 29, 1909.

4. Resolved:—That we approve of the plans concerning this Department, passed at the meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee, held at College View, Neb., October, 1906.

Whereas, The Gospel Herald is the organ of the department, and is to be enlarged and better adapted to our work, therefore,

5. Resolved:—That we plan to largely increase its circulation by encouraging all families of our colored people to subscribe for it.

6. Resolved:—That we urge all our colored people to be faithful in payment of tithes and offerings that they may share in the blessings promised to those who render to the Lord his own, and that much needed funds may be received with which to advance the work of the Lord.

7. Resolved:—That we invite all our people to participate in the raising of the \$300,000 fund, contributing as liberally as possible, and thus have a part in assisting and building up the work in other lands.

8. Resolved:—That all churches of our colored people be urged to engage actively in the sale of the book, "Ministry of Healing," being sold for the relief of our sanitariums, and that they endeavor to sell six books per mem-

ber during the next three years, and five copies of Life and Health be sold each year for the same purpose, and that all funds thus obtained be used for our colored sanitariums.

Whereas, There is a dearth of laborers with which to carry forward our work among the colored people, therefore,

9. Resolved:—That we do our utmost in securing consecrated young people to attend the school at Huntsville, Ala., that they may be trained for active missionary work.

10. Resolved:—That we invite the Southern Union Negro Mission to unite with the Southeastern Union Negro Mission in holding a colored teacher's institute at the Oakwood Training School, at a convenient time this summer.

11. Resolved:—That our ministers, Bible workers, mission school teachers, and all other employees put forth an earnest effort to make the work self-supporting as far as possible.

Southeastern Union Conference Association

According to appointment, the Southeastern Union Conference Association held its first meeting in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 507 East Fair St., Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday, January 11, Elder Chas. Thompson in the chair.

Upon the motion of L. A. Hansen, duly supported, the nominating committee for the Southeastern Union Conference was authorized to act as the committee for nominations for this Association.

During the second meeting which was held Friday, 3 P. M., January, 14. A constitution was duly adopted.

The following persons were elected to the respective offices named:

President—Elder Chas. Thompson.

Vice President—R. W. Parmele.

Secretary & Treasurer—R. T. Dowsett.

Other members:—G. W. Wells, C. B. Stephenson, T. H. Jeys, and P. G. Stanley.

On motion the Association adjourned sine die.

Report on Distribution of Labor

Recommendation 1. That Elder Sidney Scott make North Carolina his field of labor.

2. That Elder M. C. Strachan take the place made vacant by the removal of Elder Scott, with the understanding that the Union Conference may call him for the discharge of other duties as they may direct.

Report was adopted.

R. T. DOWSETT, *Secretary.*

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CANVASSERS OF GOOD COURAGE

The Canvassing work in Georgia is progressing nicely. The following places were recently visited by the state agent, Dixie, Fitzgerald Cordele, Albany, and Macon. All the canvassers seem to be of good courage and determined by the good Sheperds' help to press forward into the work and carry the warning to those who know it not.

At Macon, Mar. 5th, a lady began to keep the Sabbath as a result of reading "Daniel and the Revelation" sold her recently by one of our canvassers.

All praise to the Lord of hosts for this,

and may He send forth laborers to carry the message to all who know it not "Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when he cometh shall find him so doing." This is, "giving meat in due season" Matt. 24:45, 46. This third angle's message is meat for this season. The Lord is calling for those who are of willing mind to go forth and do their part to "bind up the law, seal it among the disciples." Who of my brethern will respond to the call?

The empire state of the South is as good place as any to canvass, it is a field in which there are many who will gladly hear the message. We long to see the jewels gathered together. Let's finish the work, my dear fellow workers, and go home to our Father's house.

W. S. FULBRIGHT.

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER ITEMS

Wanted,—To correspond with every young person in our Union Conference who is not taking the Reading Course. You who are not taking it are missing much. Please write AT ONCE to me or the Missionary Volunteer Secretary in your conference for details.

In another part of this paper we are giving you a report of the Missionary Volunteers of this Union for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1909. The reports are getting better each quarter, but there is still room for improvement. Will you not ask the Lord to make you more faithful, the present quarter, than you ever have been?

Have you seen the TEMPERANCE number of the INSTRUCTOR, JUST FROM THE PRESS? It is splendid, the best number ever published. The temperance reform demands the support of every Christian. Everywhere we should present to the people the principles of true temperance. This excellent paper will help us to act our part in this great work of reform. Will you not decide JUST NOW to order some for missionary purposes and to sell? Regular agent's rates are given.

"We want to lead our young people to give their lives to the work of this cause. We must give them such a view of the great work that they will not think of spending their lives as "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for the Gentiles. We must help them to see that this movement outweighs all other movements in the world, and impress this upon their minds so that they will spurn all allurements of the world and choose to devote their lives to this glorious work of God.—A. G. Daniels."

MRS. HELEN D. DOWSETT.

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IN THE FIELD.

I am thankful to be able to send in a larger report than I have been sending in for several weeks. I had the pleasure last week, of laboring with Brother T. J. Lea, in Georgia, a part of the week. Brother Lea is past sixty-one, but is courageous and zealous in the Lord's work as a man of forty. He told me several times with tears in his eyes, "I am in this work now for the rest of my life". He greatly enjoyed it.

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Graysville, Tenn., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

I started two canvassers in Knoxville the past week, and suppose another will go into the work this week.

The names of some whom we expect to work in and about Knoxville besides those who have been working there are, Brother Jas. Donalson, Sister Ruby Wager, and Brother J. A. Caldwell. Pray that the good work may go on.

S. F. REEDER.

QUOTA PLEDGED BY CUMBERLAND

The quota on the \$300,000 fund is already pledged for the Cumberland Conference.

Knoxville pledges	\$ 360.00
Knoxville pledges' colored	\$132.00
Copper Ridge	\$110.00
Graysville adds \$100.00 more, making	\$1305.50

to date, and several other churches and isolated members to hear from. P. G. STANLEY.

Report of the Missionary Volunteer Society of the Southeastern Union Conference, for Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1909

	CUMB.	FLA.	GA.	N.C.	S.C.	TOTAL
Number of Societies	4	5	5	4		20
Present Membership	73	48	67	58	19	265
Number in Reading Course	22	12	7	20	2	63
Members Conf. Society	2	76	10		2	63
Soc's. using our Int'r. Les'n.	4	5	3	4	2	18
No. Junior Societies	1		1	1	2	5
Junior Membership	3		16	7		26
Letters written	70	16	57	14		157
Letters received	14	12	19	9		54
Missionary visits	69	46	149	2		266
Bible readings	34	37	44			115
Subscriptions taken	8	6	8			22
Papers sold	4214	155	1332			5701
Papers given away	586	510	812	317	50	2275
Books sold	12	96	79	6		193
Books given away	6	10	12	3		31
Pages tracts sold				1503		1503
Pages tracts given away	354	2750	2277	14		5395
Hours Christ. Help Work	52	23	66			141
Clothing given away	74	35	200			309
Meals provided	21	11	8			40
Signers Temperance Pledge	13		1			14
Foreign Missions	\$22.37	\$20.30	\$15.40	\$2.83		\$60.90
Home Missions	1.00	10.50	14.17	2.75		27.43
Local Society Donations	2.50	3.50	10.45	4.37	.25	21.67
Conversions		3	1			4

OBITUARY

LUNDQUIST.—Jacksonville, Florida. Mrs. C. M. Lundquist fell asleep in Jesus, February 23, 1910, after a serious operation, at the age of forty-five years. She accepted the

Third Angel's Message over four years since. She was a faithful and devoted member in the Jacksonville church, and our loss will be keenly felt. Four children mourn the loss of a loving mother; a married daughter and three sons aged 18, 12 and 19, years. She died in the blessed hope and was willing to go. She now rests from her labors and we trust her sleep will be broken by the sound of the trumpet in the first resurrection when the faithful ones shall come forth to meet the Savior in the clouds of heaven. May her dear children prepare to meet their mother. The Jacksonville church feels very sad, as two faithful members have been laid away within a short time. The funeral services were held in the chapel of the undertaker.

Words of comfort were spoken to a large congregation of sympathizing friends,
WM. K. ACHENBACH.

PLANNING

Everything of any account that has ever been accomplished has been done by careful and definite planning. Just now I am asking you to plan to give something to foreign missions. Plant a missionary acre, set a missionary hen, set on foot some definite thing, looking toward a material increase in your missionary contributions. Why not? Those who serve the world do not hesitate to carefully arrange for future means of gratifying some pet ambition or indulging some favorite appetite.

Men whose lives are given to the amassing of wealth, skillfully arrange for future needs by making the necessary provision therefore. Shall we neglect to lay up treasure while the opportunity offers? Are the children of this world really wiser in their generation than the children of light?

J. H. JEYS.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for one week ending March 12.

Name,	Book,	HOURS,	Value,	Del.
NORTH CAROLINA				
M. L. Branch	DR	29	\$ 24.00	\$ 1.00
T. T. Stepp	DR	35	14.10	10.10
W. F. Lanier	CK	40	24.50	26.50
I. P. Allran	CK	46	28.25	9.25
Irregular	Misc		22.45	22.45
CUMBERLAND				
R. A. Judy	PPF	54	18.50	38.50
Mrs. A. D. Day	BFL	8	5.50	
Ruby Wager	BFL	10	11.50	
J. T. Lea	DR	30	28.25	
C. A. York	DR	43	11.25	
J. A. Caldwell	GC	5	3.75	
GEORGIA				
R. O. Terry	DR	31	10.80	3.00
R. M. Carter	DR	39		72.50
I. T. Merchant	DR	22	66.00	6.00
J. A. Suddeth	DR	38	26.50	
Miss E. Zook	CK	22	37.00	3.00
Miss D. Sudduth	CK	23	8.25	2.50
J. A. Kimmel	PGH	22		41.00
E. E. Kurtz	PGH	40	70.25	
W. S. Fulbright	M of H	20	15.00	15.00
SOUTH CAROLINA				
for two weeks				
G. B. Case	BFL	76	32.50	
J. B. Rise	DR	35	11.75	
Rose Lull	BFL	16		2.00
Caroline Miller	Misc	36	11.00	3.50
H. B. Gallion	GC	60	60.00	
Harry Park	GC	51	37.00	
Mrs. H. Park	GC	46	20.00	

Summary

	Total		
South Carolina	80	168.75	5.50
Georgia	94	223.00	143.00
Cumberland	39	58.50	38.50
North Carolina	79	98.00	68.20