

# Field Tidings

## The Southeastern Union Conference

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### CUMBELAND ITEMS

The president of our conference visited the Mission Ridge church, Sabbath, and held the quarterly meeting, there was a good attendance and all enjoyed the spiritual feast together.

Elder Sanford has closed up his work in Chattanooga and will visit Brayton, Cove, Dayton, and Spring City between now and the tent season.

Mrs. Mettie Lenker visited the Mission Ridge church, Sabbath and Sunday, April 2-3, and held three meetings in the interest of the Sabbath-school work, Young People's work, and Christian education. A young people's society was organized with Mrs. Chas Harris as leader.

Elder Shoup is holding a series of meetings at Copper Ridge, he will also visit Coalfield, and Toco, between now and tent season.

A report will be given, each month, in this paper, of all the tithe sent in by the churches of the conference, also the amount sent in by each church on the \$300,000 fund. We request our church treasurers to send in their tithe monthly also money received on the \$300,000 fund, that we may give a monthly report.

Our President visited Lenoir City, a few days ago, in the interest of a camp-meeting site, nothing was found however that would be suitable for our camp.

Our home conference expense fund is to be taken up by all our churches every third Sabbath, it is from this fund that our postage and stationery is paid: we hope that all our churches will be faithful in this collection.

### A COMPARISON.

When the "Review & Herald" comes to us with statistical reports of the work in general, or of any department, we are always interested to see how the work is going, by comparing report with report.

We cannot refrain from measuring our field with others, to some extent and while we should never measure what we should do by what

others are doing, nor become satisfied with our efforts, yet it is a source of encouragement to know one is keeping pace with the onward march of the body.

In the "Summary of Magazine Sales for February 1910" as reported in the "Review" of March 24, we are glad to note the work of the Southeastern Union. We are credited with having sold 5697. By comparing this with January we find it is an increase of 2012, almost double. It is 2727 in excess of the Southern Union, and 1819 more than the "Southwestern."

The Georgia Conference with a membership of 225, sold 3385 magazines, which is 15 for each member in the conference. In comparing this with Kansas, my former field of labor, I find that with a membership of 2839, 1870 magazines were sold, a little more than half the sales of Georgia. By further comparison I find Georgia's sales are in excess of such conferences as Colorado, Indiana, West Michigan, Wisconsin, the Dakotas, or any conference in the North Pacific Union, and a larger per capita sale than any conference in the United States.

Now, Georgia hasn't done more than she ought to do. We hope to see each conference in the Southeastern Union do far more along this line than is being done. The conferences are full of cities; the cities are full of people; and the opportunity is great for the proclamation of the message through our magazines. May we all be diligent in improving this and all other means for the spread of the truth.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

### THE PROGRESS OF THE CANVASSING WORK IN THE SOUTHEASTERN UNION CONFERENCE

We have just closed an interesting canvassers institute at Cherokee, S. C. Nine prospective canvassers were present. While it is true that the brethren there cannot immediately turn loose their farming interests to take up this branch of the work, yet after having heard something of the art of Christian Salesmanship

they are now laying their plans for definite work in this line, as soon as they can arrange their home affairs.

At the close of this institute, it was my privilege to attend the Missionary Volunteer Convention held at Spartanburg, S. C., March 26-27.

This was indeed a good meeting, and many of the young as well as the old felt the need of a closer walk with their Saviour and resolved to consecrate their lives more earnestly to Him for service.

I am now on my way to the institute at Hildebran, N. C., and trust that the Lord may also give us a good meeting there. This will make the fifth institute held in our Union since the first of the year, including the one that was held in Atlanta, which closed Jan. 7th.

I suppose the readers of *Field Tidings* have read the account of the splendid institute that was recently held in Cleveland, Tenn., so I will not mention it further at this time, but I thought, however, that a comparative statement of the canvassing work in the Union for the months of January and February during the past three years, would be of interest, therefore submit the following which shows that while we have not made spasmodic development, yet the Lord has given us a steady growth, and unto Him we give the praise.

#### Comparative Statement

	1908	Orders	Deliveries
January		\$1404.05	\$604.50
February		824.65	581.45
	1909		
January		\$2683.30	\$ 796.20
February		2704.60	1252.89
	1910		
January		\$2832.70	\$ 790.55
February		3961.25	2005.20

V. O. COLE.

### PLANS FOR THE WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA

At a recent meeting of our conference committee, the following general plans were adopted. Three or four tent meetings will be held this season, depending on the interest developed where the tents are first pitched. Our force of laborers will enable us to run only two tents for the whites. Besides these we will have a good tent among the colored people. This will be in charge of an earnest, successful colored minister, who will begin work in the conference about May 1. It is expected that he will first

visit our colored churches, and then decide where to hold his tent meetings.

The tent meetings for the whites, and our camp-meeting, will be for the building up and strengthening of our work in the western part of the State, preparatory to a long and strong pull for the development of our work in the eastern part of our conference, which has had very little labor. It is thought best to put all our ministers and canvassers there during the cool season, at least, and have our camp-meeting next season in the central part of the state, which will then be, we trust, more central for our membership than it is now.

We wish to have our people in the western part of our conference realize how highly favored they have been with ministerial help and camp-meetings during the past years, and will be this year. They should now begin to prepare their minds for a change of program in this respect. For many years they have had the blessing that comes from receiving. Surely they now need the greater blessing that comes from giving. "It is more blessed to give than to receive", the Saviour says. With willing hands and glad hearts all should co-operate in carrying the Gospel message, and developing the work in the dark corners of our conference, as well as in more distant fields. We are sure that all our people will see the wisdom and importance of this plan, and aid in making it successful.

Two new meeting tents, one for the whites, and one for the colored people, a hospital tent, and three family tents will be necessary to carry on our work this season, and we trust that all who have not paid their pledges to the tent and camp-meeting fund, and our emergency fund will do so as soon as possible, for the money will be needed by May 1. Please do not forget the pledges made at our last camp-meeting for the purchase of a hospital tent, as well as the other unpaid pledges. Some have done nobly in paying their pledges, but there are many still unpaid. We ask the prayers of all for the laborers, and for the success of the work the present season.

#### Excellent Tracts to Use in Missionary Work

The following tracts we heartily recommend to our people in North Carolina to use among their neighbors, and to send by mail to distant friends and relatives. All our tracts are good, but these are among the best for most cases:

New Testament Sabbath	1 cent.
Elthū on the Sabbath	1 "
Who Changed the Sabbath?	1 "
The Identical Seventh Day	1 "

Without Excuse	½ "
Waymarks to the Holy City	1 "
Is Man Immortal?	1 "
Tormented Forever and Ever	1 "
Is Sunday the Sabbath?	½ "
The Seventh or one-seventh	½ "
Which Day do you Keep, and Why?	½ "
Sunday in a Nutshell	1 "
Signs of the End	1 "
Heralds of His Coming	1½ "
Thoughts for the Candle	½ "
Rich Man and Lazarus	1 "

All tracts, periodicals, and magazines should be ordered of the missionary secretary, M. H. Brown, Route No. 1, Greensboro, N. C., also Lesson Quarterlies. The latter should be ordered at least two weeks before they are needed. It is very embarrassing to be without one when a new quarter begins.

We earnestly request that all do some missionary work each week and report it monthly, so that the missionary secretary will be able to present an annual report showing what missionary work has been done during the year in our conference.

M. H. BROWN. *Sec'y*

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FLORIDA ITEMS

The Sanitarium is enjoying a liberal patronage, and is in need of additional help.

Dr. J. E. Caldwell, formerly of Knoxville, Tenn., has located his family near the sanitarium, and will take part in the work of the institution during the summer.

Among the recent guest of the sanitarium were the following: Dr. Carolyn Geisel, Mrs. Emmos, Miss Geisel, and Miss Folsom, who are touring the Chautauquas of Florida, Elder M. B. Miller of Colorado, and Dr. Hawkins of Minnesota.

The interest in the tent meetings at St. Petersburg, Florida, is good. The resident people are too busy entertaining the tourists to attend much of the time, so the attendance is mostly tourist. The congregation ranges from about 75 to 200.

Several of the Sabbath-schools in our conference have held a consecration service during the last month and with pleasing results. March 19, one was held in Fort Ogden. Nine of the youth gave their hearts to the Lord, and in the afternoon they were buried in baptism by Elder L. T. Cristler.

The tent effort in Miami is growing more and more interesting. The regular congregation varies from 50 to 150. Some evenings the tent is filled, and many are inquiring

into the truth. The stereopticon is being used with good results. The donations are good, from \$5.00 to \$5.50 often being received at the evening services.

The children's meetings, held in connection with the tent meetings at Miami, are well attended. From 35 to 40 children come and some of the parents come with them. These meetings are conducted by Sisters Webster and Branson.

The tent effort at East Palatka conducted by Elder John Manns is now closed and a church of nine members was organized.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Our Missionary Volunteer Convention held at Spartanburg, S. C., March 26-27, was counted a real success. Nearly thirty visiting young people were in attendance,—all of our churches in the conference except one being represented.

All of the papers showed careful preparation. The golden thread running through each one was that of service. We are living to carry the Third Angel's Message to the world in this generation and there is some soul for whom I can work better than anyone else. This denomination offers greater opportunities to its young people than any other. There is something for every one to do. Many definite suggestions were made in regard to different lines of work that our young people may enter. Of no talent will the Lord require any stricter account, than of our time.

"The Searching of the Heart," read at the close of the Sabbath afternoon session, revealed the presence of the Lord in our midst and nearly every one in the house said by rising that they desired a closer walk with their Saviour. We feel sure that this marks the beginning, in many lives, of greater usefulness in the Lord's work.

Elder Jeys, Elder Carey, Brother V. O. Cole, and Brother H. B. Gallion were present and gave us many words of suggestion and encouragement.

ELIZA WARNER, *M. V. Sec'y*

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WORK IN SOUTH CAROLINA

(We quote the following from two reports recently received from Brother Jeys.—Ed.)

"I have recently visited Cherokee, Greer, Greenville, Anderson, Columbia, Sumter, Bear Creek, Camden, Bion and Laurens, and find commendable zeal manifested in many places. Brother R. L. Miller has been conducting a family church-school with good success. Brethren

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

Gallion and Gilman have just closed their work at Sumter. I also visited Brother W. H. Armstrong of Bear Creek. The company here is making an effort to build a little chapel. After visiting Sister Lelia Ray, the only Sabbath-keeper at Laurens, I returned home. The \$300,000 fund and Ministry of Healing received their attention on this trip.

"Following this trip I connected with brethren Cole and Gallion in conducting a canvassers institute at Cherokee. Preaching services were conducted every night, and the hospitality of the church was very much appreciated by all. The little chapel there is almost ready for dedication, and free from debt.

"Following the institute we visited the convention of young people at Spartanburg. The occasion was both profitable and enjoyable. The Conference Committee met at Spartanburg March 5-6, and after careful discussion, decided to ask the Atlanta office to act as our Tract Society. Let all remember this, as hereafter we will carry no book account with individuals in our conference office.

"Elder E. W. Cary has opened up the work in Spartanburg and expects to move his family to that place soon. The tent season will soon open, and we expect to begin at Anderson, as announced, in a few weeks.

Below is given a statement of tithe receipts for six months ending December 13, 1909.

Spartanburg	\$234.27
Greenville	225.77
Campobello	151.80
Bear Creek	15.60
Cherokee	21.70
Battle Ground	73.60
Isolated	20.70
Spartanburg No. 2	1.00
Greenville No. 2	32.22
Aiken	127.84
Sumter	5.25
Charleston	2.30

"Study carefully this statement. It is full of suggestiveness. Faithfulness in paying our tithe is a constant attendant of spirituality prosperity and success. Some of our dear people are carefully returning to God his own. Others, I fear, are permitting Satan to steal a march upon them, and rob them of the blessing that comes by painstaking diligence in these matters.

"Let us remember, dear brethren, that the genuine faith of Jesus is spelled with "fulness" at the end."  
T. H. JEYS.

## ATLANTA SANITARIUM STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 31, 1909

<b>Resources</b>	
Cash in Bank	\$ 43.40
Board, Room, and Treatment (Food Inventory)	147.18
Cash on hand	1.50
Furnishings (Inventory)	2032.17
Property	13678.64
Tools	13.80
Personal accounts	873.51
Total	\$16790.20
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Bills Payable	\$ 3300.00
Southeastern Union Conference	1380.35
Laborers Accounts	225.76
Present Worth—December, 31, 1909	11884.09
Total	\$16790.20
<b>Losses</b>	
Charity	\$ 11.00
Expense	576.65
Furnishings	132.32
Accounts	14.75
Salary	86.90
Taxes, Interest, and Discount	164.29
Transportation	113.15
Tools	6.40
Net Gain for 1909	4337.17
Total	\$5442.63
<b>Gains</b>	
Board, Room, and treatment	\$1621.30
Chattels	9.75
Donations	3811.58
Total	\$5442.63
Present Worth for 1908	\$ 7546.92
Net Gain for 1909	4337.17
Present Worth Dec. 31, 1909	\$11884.09
R. T. DOWSETT, Treas.	

(Notice—The auditor's certificate which should accompany this statement appeared in a former issue of the "TIDINGS," and hence will not be reprinted.—Ed.)

## CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week ending March 26.

Name,	Book,	Hours,	Value,	Del.
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>				
R. T. Underwood	2 wks	DR	48 73.00	\$ 15.20
M. L. Branch		DR	26 15.00	2.00
R. L. Underwood	2 wks.	DR	66 119.00	34.50
L. A. Robinson		GC	24 23.50	6.50
J. P. Allran		CK	34 41.75	7.75
W. E. Lanier		CK	48 39.50	8.00
<b>GEORGIA for 4 weeks</b>				
I. T. Merchant		DR	69 175.00	15.00
R. M. Carter		DR	108 58.50	72.50
J. A. Sudduth		DR	140 84.50	2.50
C. N. Bivens		DR	58 33.30	55.70
R. O. Terry		DR	64 55.00	2.00
J. A. Kimmel		PGH	109 58.90	52.18
E. E. Kurtz		PGH	164 387.55	
D. A. Fisher		GC	36 36.70	10.00
Miss E. Zook		CK	104 147.35	43.00
B. F. Brown		CK	157 101.10	74.00
Miss D. Sudduth		CK	49 15.50	4.25
Mrs C. Bivens		CK	6 2.50	
Mrs. P. R. Rainwater		BFL	38 47.50	61.00
W. S. Fulbright		MOH	15 15.00	15.00
<b>CUMBERLAND</b>				
J. A. Caldwell		GC	8 6.75	.75
Ruby Wagar		BFL	20 11.50	.25
J. C. Aust		CK	43 33.00	
E. D. Haskell		Misc	28 7.50	18.50
Finnie Fine		CK	4 5.00	33.00
C. A. York		BFL	46 13.50	

### Summary

Cumberland	Total	149	65.45	52.30
Georgia	Total	1117	1218.40	407.13
North Carolina	Total	247	311.75	74.25