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WORK IN THE SOUTH

In a talk given by Sister White at College View, Nebr., September 25, 1908, she made the following significant statements regarding the work in the South.

"I must speak in behalf of the work in the Southern field. The message of a soon coming Saviour must go to all its cities. We must wake up and consider what this means to us individually in the matter of consecrated effort.

"Some have been working and stirring continually to learn how we should enter the various and important fields, and how the work can be done to the glory of God. But I can assure you that we have put none too much labor into this field. We have given none too much money to it. We have put none too much talent into it.

"There are many present who have been much interested in missionary work in the South. To these I say, "Rejoice that the Southern field is being worked. Today I desire to leave this impression upon the mind of every one that is here, that the Southern field is to be thoroughly worked. This burden, as God has laid it upon us as a people, has been kept before us for many years. And the question for each individual is, What am I to do? To every man God has appointed his work. If we would only remember this, and seek humbly and perseveringly to know and to do our appointed work, guidance and grace would be given us to meet the trials and hardships of the way.

"When the Jews asked Jesus 'What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?' He replied, 'This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent.' His disciples are commissioned to 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.'

"You have neighbors. Will you give them the message? You may never have had the hands of ordination laid upon you, but you can humbly carry the message. You can testify that God has ordained that all for whom Christ died shall have everlasting life if they believe on Him."

From the above we know that it is the Lord's will that the Southern field be thoroughly worked, and we are glad to say that in a measure the instructions have been followed and a few faithful workers have done wonderful

things in the way of circulating our literature. During the first four months of this year, we have sold in the Southern Union Conference, books valued at \$11,288.13; Southwestern Union Conference, \$7,871.03; and the Southeastern Union Conference, \$10,307.38; making a grand total of \$29,466.54, while our Periodical sales reach nearly 85,000 papers.

It is very evident that some of our people have found the work appointed of God, and He is giving guidance and grace to meet the trials and hardships of the way. So we "Rejoice that the Southern field is being worked."

Dear reader, if this letter has impressed you with the importance of the canvassing work in the South, we invite correspondence, and shall be glad to furnish any information desired, upon application.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,
R. HOOK JR., *Mgr.*

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SOUTH CAROLINA

From May 1 to 8, it was my privilege to visit some of the churches in this conference. The evening of May 1st, I was at the tent in Anderson. Elders Jeys and Carey are conducting an aggressive campaign in this place. Some have fully accepted the Message and others are interested. They are hopeful for a company of believers as a result of their efforts.

The second and third, in company with Eld. Jeys, we met with the Greenville churches. Four meetings were held with the Whites and two with the Colored. A good representation of both were present at all the services.

The fourth and fifth, was spent at Spartanburg. Three meetings were held. Some of the members were detained on account of sickness; but some came from Cherokee; so we had quite a profitable occasion.

The sixth and seventh, we were at Campobello, where we held four meetings. Notwithstanding the rain, the attendance was all that could be expected. The eighth we were at Cherokee and held two meetings. The announcement was out and the people came through a pouring rain which showed their interest in the word. The brethren here have a neat little meeting house in process of erection, and some of the members, though busy with farm life, are doing some de-

finite work canvassing, and are meeting with success.

At all these places the burden of our message was our responsibility and obligation in the support of the work by giving our all for its advancement. The \$300,000 fund was definitely presented at each place, and an encouraging response was the result. While all the churches did not pledge their full quota, yet we believe when those who were absent return and have their attention called to it by the officers that the full quota of each church will be forthcoming.

This was my first visit to this conference, and I appreciated meeting and becoming acquainted with so goodly a number of her constituency. I find them a loyal people and apparently willing to sacrifice for the finishing of the work. I am sure if all will do their duty, that South Carolina will not be behind in whatever part falls to her in connection with the closing of the Message.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

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SUMMER INSTITUTE

On the sanitarium grounds, Orlando, Fla., June 20, until August 1, will be held a summer institute incorporating not only a regular course of study and review in all the common branches of education for church school teachers, both active and prospective, but a systematic study of hygiene and healthful living, for any who wish to come.

The study of the principles of health, and the giving of simple treatments to those who are sick, is one that is urged upon our lay members by the testimonies as of vital importance. Rightly informed along these lines, one can do much more effective missionary work among their neighbors and elsewhere.

The executive committee of the Florida Conference thought that a summer school, where the combined principles of Christian education and healthful living would be taught, would be appreciated by our people. There are doubtless many who have been waiting for just such a chance.

We are quite sure of having with us, a part or all of the time, as instructors: Professor M. B. Van Kirk of Graysville, Tenn., Mrs. Stern Starr of Groton, Mass., who is an expert teacher of drawing, sloyd, and church school industries, Professor B. D. Gullett, principal of the Ft. Ogdon church and intermediate school, Elder R. W. Parmele, president of the conference, Le Roy T. Crisler, educational secretary, and Doctors J. E. Caldwell and Lydia E. Parmele, medical superintendent and lady physician of the Florida sanitarium.

A full announcement has been sent to our churches. We take this means of reaching any whom we may have missed.

Our invitation is open to any one who may wish to come and avail themselves of this valu-

able opportunity to better fit themselves for the Lord's work.

The daily sessions will be held in our new sanitarium school building. Located as it is on the beautiful sanitarium grounds and so near the institution itself, it is ideal.

The doctors are both teachers of experience, and have some valuable instruction for all who are so fortunate as to be present.

Florida needs some more consecrated church school teachers. Our supply is limited. We would welcome some new teachers into our midst, and would be pleased to meet with them on the above occasion.

We have secured a two story house on the ground, for accommodations, and will erect tents if necessary. Bring bedding and any extra furnishings as you would to a regular school. The board will be on the club plan, at the actual cost.

Here is an opportunity to review common branches, study the principles of Christian education, receive practical training in sanitarium methods, and a general course of instruction, absolutely free outside of railroad fare and board.

Write us when you are coming, and for any further information.

Yours in behalf of the Florida conference executive committee. Le Roy T. Crisler,
Educational Secretary.

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GEORGIA

Three tent-meetings are going on in Georgia. Good reports come from all. These meetings are conducted at Savannah, Cartersville, and Macon. The Macon effort is being conducted by the Negro Department.

Sabbath, April 30, we spent with the Atlanta church. After a stirring discourse by Elder Chas. Thompson, on Christian Benevolence, subscriptions were taken for the \$300,000 fund. Nearly six hundred dollars were pledged—considerable more than their quota. It is hoped that all of our churches will follow the good example of the Atlanta church in this respect, so we can soon go on the honor roll. Let the pledges be paid as rapidly as possible. I understand the colored church in Atlanta has pledged its quota. In the afternoon, three were baptized.

We are sorry to announce the death of S. D. Dent, of St. Simons Island, on May 1. Brother Dent was a faithful worker as long as he was able. He died in the hope of eternal life. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn.

News has reached us of the death of Sister Hughes at Cartersville, also of Sister Leo Balew of the Dixie church. We are so often reminded that we are living in the land of death. Our sympathies go out to the bereaved ones.

The camp-meeting is rapidly drawing on. Keep the date and place—Griffin, in Mingo Co., July 21-31, and plan to come and remain all

through the meeting. Encourage the children and youth to come. Special attention will be given them. We will have a nice tent especially for them. We expect efficient help from the General and Union Conferences. Do not fail to come.

Good reports come from our faithful canvassers. All who put in full time are doing well. A canvasser's losses are usually caused, not by the faithful time put in, but by the time he does not work. Our state agent, went out part of two days this week and worked about four miles distance, in old territory, and took orders amounting to \$29.20. The periodical work is growing nicely. In some instances the supply of papers has been exhausted, leaving orders unfilled.

We are of good courage in the work of the master. Pray for Georgia.

C. B. STEPHENSON,

Cartersville May 27, 1910.

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OPEN LETTERS TO BROTHER DASH

Epistle No. 4.

The Bad Other Fellow

Dear Brother Dash, —Do you remember what the ten disciples did, when James and John showed such bad taste as to try to work a bit of "wire pulling" and get themselves an advantage? Well, they began to be much displeased with James and John. What for? Because they had been doing an unseemly and unchristian act? O no, because James and John had gotten ahead of them.

The two brothers didn't know what they were asking, so Jesus told them. And it is quite likely that the ten didn't understand what kind of spirit they were exhibiting in showing their displeasure.

It is so easy to see the mistakes of the other person. Now Brother Dash, I have no doubt that Brother Blank is a bad man. If he has all the bad qualities you say he has, he surely is bad. How would it do to pray for him? And, if you are spiritually minded, restore him? And as you do this consider yourself lest you also be tempted. O yes, I know you feel that you never would do the unreasonable and unlovely things he has. But so did Peter think. The fact is, Brother Dash, I have had a talk with Brother Blank, and he thinks you are the perverse and altogether unreasonable one. And I, as I look on, can see what it seems impossible for either of you to discern—that you are both moved by a power from beneath. The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, easy to be entreated, etc.

Brother Dash, go and do him a kind act—keep it up—talk not against him, nor about him, but pray for him. Why if he is half as bad as you imagine he is, he is lost except he repents.

Why not be the one who will save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins? Don't feel like it? Ah! there's the rub. You and he are both doing what you feel like doing. The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, etc. Let these fruits be seen in the life. T. H. JEYS.

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CUMBERLAND

Field Tidings

As most all our people know the expense of the publication of FIELD TIDINGS is divided between the Southeastern Union and the various conferences composing it.

A few days ago we received a statement from the secretary of the Union, that the Cumberland conference had not paid for their part of the publication of this paper for over a year. Since our Union conference meeting, the paper has been published weekly and is being sent out to a large percent of the membership of our Conference. We are pleased to have all our people receive this paper, for it is the only means of communication of this kind we have in the Union, and through its columns we are enabled to keep in touch with each other and report how the work is going on in the conference.

We have no fund from which we can draw to pay this obligation, therefore we look to all our people in the conference to respond to this appeal by sending to the secretary of our conference a donation of 50¢, which will enable us to meet our entire obligations up to date.

Each church officer will receive the subscription list for his church, and we hope as leaders of our churches you will at once take up this matter and send the secretary of our conference the amount that has been asked for from your church.

At our coming camp-meeting we will take up this matter together and arrange some plan by which we may make this paper self-supporting in our conference. Trusting that every member will be faithful in doing his duty we remain faithfully yours. P. G. STANLEY.

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INTEREST MANIFESTED IN THE SABBATH-SCHOOL

Kernersville, N. C.

Rapid Growth

It is with a heart full of love for the Master's work that I write a brief account of our Sabbath-school work here. When we came to this place four years ago, there was only a family or two of Sabbath-keepers, but now our company has grown to a nice little audience of 21 members, with five families represented, the heads of all the families being among the number. Our Sabbath-school is looked forward to

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from week to week, and never have I been among a company of this size where so much interest was manifested. We have no building in which to meet, but every Sabbath at 10:00 o'clock, Brother Hahn's comfortable home is thrown open, and here we meet and study of the wondrous love of God, and how His son suffered that we might have eternal life with Him.

On last second Sabbath, we had a glorious meeting in the afternoon, in which the program of the Missionary reading was carried out. Different ones taking an active part by reading, giving in testimonies, etc. The readings were of great benefit to all. One brother who has just recently united with us said that he enjoyed the meeting better than anything he had attended in a long time. A collection of nearly \$4.00 was taken up for foreign missions.

This is, we trust, only a beginning of the stepping out on the Lord's side at this place, and by the Lord's help we will continue to encourage those in sin to come with us and serve Him.

JOSEPH G. SLATE.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The work in Georgia is onward. Reports from the canvassers show the hand of Omnipotence in the sale of the books that are aglow with light that is due to the world at this time, even in this generation. Matt. 29:35; 24:14.

Dear canvassers, will you do all that you can this year to place one new worker in the vineyard of our soon coming Lord and King?

Let us each one act as a recruiting officer during the summer, by making an appeal to our friends and our brethren, who are, so far as giving the message is concerned, standing idle to enter the work. Let's help them to find employment.

W. S. FULBRIGHT.

THE BEST HELP

The best help published for our Sabbath-schools is the SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER. No officer or teacher is fully equipped for his work without the aid of this most excellent journal. It is not helpful alone to officers and teachers, but should be in every family. There are many families in the various conferences who are not now subscribers, who should become such at once.

One of the strong features of the WORKER is the notes given on the lesson for the different divisions. These are written by the most capable and experienced writers in the denomination, and require much study and research. They are of great value to every pupil

in our Sabbath-schools, and are worth much more than the price of the WORKER.

The subscription list of the WORKER is now over eight thousand, the highest in its history. The General Conference Sabbath-school Department is endeavoring to increase the circulation to ten thousand. You are asked to help. Please subscribe now. Single copy, thirty-five cents per year; thirty cents in clubs of two or more copies. Address your Tract Society.

G. B. THOMPSON,

SECRETARY SABBATH-SCHOOL DEP'T.

A WEDDING

MARRIED, June 20, at the home of Brother A. F. Harrison, in Graysville. Mr. LeRue W. Melendy and Miss Anna Pauline Rose. Mr. and Mrs. Melendy will be at home to their friends, at the Nashville Sanitarium after June 10. A large number of invited guests were present to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Prof. M. B. VanKirk. We extend to the happy couple our best wishes, and pray that they may have a prosperous and happy life.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Ella Nora Hotchkiss, born May 4, 1860 in Atlanta, Ga., and died May 3, 1910 in Tampa, Fla.

Sister Hotchkiss leaves a husband, to whom she was married June 28, 1904, to mourn her loss, also a son and step-son. She embraced the truth in Bartow about two and one half years ago, and ever remained faithful to her church.

Funeral services were conducted in the Tampa church, by the writer, where a large concourse of friends gathered to pay their respects to a life that was made fragrant by deeds of kindness and Christian love.

Her death was the result of an operation, and wholly unexpected. Truly we will miss her in many ways, but not as those without hope.

LEROY T. CRISLER.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week ending May 21

Name.	Book.	Hours.	Value.	Del.
CUMBERLAND				
J. A. Caldwell	GC	15	2.25	
Fred Meister	PPF	50	58.25	1.75
Walter Kirkham	PPF	47	58.90	2.00
Ruby Wagar	BFL	7	1.25	1.00
R. A. Judy	PPF	30		105.40
E. D. Haskell	CK	42	13.75	21.75
GEORGIA				
R. O. Terry	DR	23	16.40	35.00
J. A. Sudduth	DR	20	5.90	13.50
I. T. Merchant	DR	?	34.35	4.00
C. N. Bivens	GC	8	4.00	2.50
D. A. Fisher	GC	8	.50	3.00
W. S. Fulbright	GC	20	33.20	
J. A. Kimmel	PGH	28	45.30	
R. M. Carter	PGH	25	40.50	
E. E. Kurtz	PGH	?	.25	4.00
Mrs. C. Bivens	CK	8	1.00	10.00
Miss E. Zook	CK	13	10.50	5.50
NORTH CAROLINA				
R. L. Underwood	DR	47	136.00	
Alby Paul	CR	47	38.00	8.00
M. L. Branch	DR	16	4.25	17.25
W. E. Lanier	GC	52	49.50	7.50
J. W. Siler	GC	35	40.50	3.50
W. H. George	GC	35	81.50	4.50
Bertha Graham	GC	31	26.00	1.00
Mead Graham	CK	47	30.25	3.25
Hazel Graham	CK	30	14.75	2.75
J. P. Allran	CK	47	57.00	3.00
T. J. Woodall	CK	48	36.50	3.50
Mrs. E. A. Wing	S of P	25	14.50	6.50
Ross Underwood	BS	47	24.00	10.50
Summary				
North Carolina	Total	507	552.75	61.25
Georgia	Total	153	191.90	77.50
Cumberland	Total	191	134.40	131.90