

# Field Tidings

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### "JULY TWO"

July two is the first Sabbath in the month, and the first Sabbath in the last half of 1910. The Sabbath chosen by the General Conference for taking what is known among us as the "Mid-Summer offering." This offering is one of the sources through which our work in all lands is supported.

At the spring council of the General Conference committee, most urgent appeals came from needy fields at home and abroad. We could not say "no" to them, and as a result, the largest appropriations ever known in our history were made for the prosecution of our work. They were in the aggregate, about \$400,000. I am informed that the General Conference treasurer has been unable through lack of funds to supply the fields with the amount appropriated.

As the appropriation is larger than ever before, and the treasury is empty and behind, these are all the arguments needed to emphasize the fact that our "Mid-Summer offering" should be the largest we ever made to the cause of God.

I hope none will confuse this offering with the \$300,000 fund we are raising. It is no part of it. They are for different purposes. The \$300,000 fund is to provide homes for Missionaries and facilities for getting the Message before the people.

The "Mid-Summer offering" is to provide the salaries by which our workers in mission fields provide themselves food and clothing. For us to be slack in this offering directly effects the food supply and raiment of our brethren and fellow laborers.

There are many reasons why the offering from the Southeastern Union should be large. The prospect for an abundant harvest is very encouraging. Crops look fine, the season is good, the fruit crop is promising, and prices are remunerative, work is plenty, and wages

good. Another reason: our own field is a beneficiary of the General Conference appropriations, and if they do not get the funds our own field will suffer. Again: this offering goes to make up our "Ten Cent per Week" donation to Missions, and our Union is at present short of raising this amount.

Therefore, brethren and sisters, let us all begin now to plan for a large offering at this time. Let us this time, all together, make a sacrifice.

May God help all to do their duty, is my prayer.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

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### REPORTING

Dear worker of the South Carolina conference:—

In reading over the canvassing report in FIELD TIDINGS, I have been disappointed at not seeing our field represented. This inspires me to write you this open letter, and urge you, each and all, to faithfulness in the duty of reporting. Our conference secretary cannot make out her monthly balance sheet until reports are had from every worker. I cannot make up my monthly summaries until I receive the items from her. Brother Gallion cannot report to the TIDINGS what is not reported to him. Our good editor cannot put in reports that he doesn't receive. Before we complain about the things that are not in the paper, we might profitably ask, "What report have I written?"

Let every conference worker report promptly. Let every canvasser do likewise. Let all Sabbath-school secretaries and church clerks see to it that there is no delinquent report due. Let no one say, "I have done so little," I suspect that may be so. But after all, if you have been amiss and cold and careless, and have neglected your opportunities. Why not report this? For be sure the heavenly secretary has it written down and he will not fail to report. In that day it

will be said I was sick and in prison, and ye visited me not. And when the offender—the one who never did anything to report—can't remember about it, the record will show up all the things not done.

Well, I am stirred to write this, as I said in the beginning, because I want to see our canvasser's reports every week, and when I see them only once every month, do you know I can't help thinking about how earnestly we pleaded to have our FIELD TIDINGS made a weekly paper, and how it was said that we could then have an open communication direct with our field. Our canvassers are working. Our state agent is certainly willing to compile reports and send them in every week.

Come my brethren, let us be up and at the enemy. Let us show ourselves friends, loyal to the organized work.

When the remnant are saved, they will be those who are willing to camp every man under the banner assigned him of the Lord. The company on the sea of glass will be arrayed in a perfect square. Let us now labor together, pull together, report together, surround Jericho together, and together give the mighty shout that brings down high walls and heathen ramparts.

T. H. JEYS.

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### CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA

The writer assisted by Elder Chas. Thompson and Brother and Sister A. L. Manous, began meetings here, May 13. It will be remembered that Cartersville is the home of the late Sam. P. Jones. Our tent is in an ideal location and everything is very nicely arranged, being seated with canvas benches, and lighted with electricity, giving it a very attractive appearance. In spite of the unfavorable weather the attendance has been good from the beginning. Three adults (heads of families) have begun to observe the Sabbath, and others are manifesting a deep interest, so the outlook is encouraging.

Elder Thompson was called away to assist in the work in Asheville, N. C., leaving us on the 24th. We were loath to have him depart, as his labors were much appreciated. However we were not left alone, for Elder C. B. Stephenson joined us on the 25th. We gladly welcomed him as we had not forgotten our pleasant associations together in labor, at Savannah last year.

It is very evident that we are nearing the

final consumation of all things, for indeed men are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." Gospel forms are many, but O, what a lack of the power that saves from sin. We solicit the prayers of all, that God through us may save many souls from the thralldom of sin.

S. T. SHADEL.

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### MAPLE GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA

I am pleased to report another church added to our list in this conference, also a very neat little chapel, dedicated free from debt. Maple Grove Church is eight miles north of Cleveland.

It was my privilege to organize the church, Sabbath, May 28, and the following day, to dedicate the building; the building is 20x30, with a wing 14x18 for school room, and so arranged that when necessary, folding doors can be opened, and the people seated in the school room are in full view of the speaker. The building is nicely painted and papered, and shows skill and good taste, it certainly is a credit to the cause, and stands as a monument for the truth; many words of commendation were heard regarding it, from those attending the service.

The estimation placed upon the building after counting lumber, work, cash, material, etc., is \$850.00; about all of this was obtained from those living in the immediate neighborhood, and friends of the truth. Those who received the message took hold cheerfully to assist in building.

The meeting opened Friday night, with Elder Nash, as speaker. He made a most earnest appeal to the people to surrender fully to God, and to decide to unite with the remnant people. At five thirty o'clock Sabbath morning, we had a consecration meeting, and at nine we all met at the river, where seven were baptized, others having been baptized by Elder Nash, before this.

Elder J. O. Johnston, was present and spoke at the 11 o'clock service, this was followed by a few remarks by the writer before the organization of the church. There were 22 that were taken into the church at this time, and all of this number were new Sabbath-keepers, having embraced the message the past year, with the exception of three who were taken in by letter.

At the afternoon service the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated, and it was a blessed occasion, all taking part, and the Spirit of God was present in a marked manner.

Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, a large number of people had gathered for the dedication service, the house was well filled, and close attention was given to all things said. The sermon was delivered by the writer, and Elder R. T. Nash offered prayer.

The services of Elder Johnston, Sister Nash, and my daughter who assisted in the music, were all appreciated very much; it is not necessary to state that Brother Nash took an active part in the services, as he has been with the company from the first, and God has blessed his efforts.

I feel that the Lord impressed the hearts of those who were present, and a number arose for prayers, those under conviction and still undecided. May God grant His blessing on the work done, and add to the church such as shall be saved.

G. W. WELLS.

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### SAVANNAH, GEORGA

The Message here is onward, in spite of some unpleasant experiences. The unfavorable weather has kept our audiences small, while a great many who came were not of the Master's sheep, and could not hear his voice.

The work and workers were much encouraged by a visit from our president, Brother C. B. Stephenson, (May 12-14).

After a very forcible presentation of the Sabbath truth on May 21, Brother D. G. Stephenson asked those who believed the truth as presented, to rise to their feet. Fourteen arose. Five or six of these were the fruit of this effort. Others were partly the result of former labors. Some who have not yet obeyed, say they will arrange their work so they can in the near future.

Since reporting last, we have sold 21 copies of "Life and Health," 7 "Coming King," 4 "Helps to Bible Study," 2 "Christ's Object Lesson," 2 "Johnson's Text Book", and a number of tracts.

Pray for the work here.

N. A. REIBER.

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### ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Since reporting last, we have moved our tent from Cater St., to East Orr St. Our attendance is very much increased. Thus far we have held four services at the new camp. Last

night a sudden rain storm just at meeting time aborted our service. The wind blew quite strong, but we succeeded in lowering our pavilion, and no damage was done. Our small tents stood the storm well.

This city has been the recipient of much labor. There are a few who are good, earnest people, who are interested in the message, and for them we pray and labor. We ask the prayers of our brethren throughout the conference, that we may be in the place where God can use us, and that some of these dear souls here may yet step into the truth. We expect to move from here to Woodruff.

T. H. JEYS.

E. W. CAREY.

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### GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Sabbath, May 21, proved a glorious day for the little remnant believers here, who have been "torn, scattered, and peeled" until less than one third of their number meet at the humble little building devoted to the faith. God blessed greatly; He filled our hearts until the "Truth" seemed never so precious. The reproach "You have no Minister" being about to be rolled away, for a time at least, has filled them with rejoicing and a renewing of their faith and courage. The lack of one had made it difficult to secure attendance to the meetings kept up by the faithful few. Sunday I visited all the believers at their homes, praying with and encouraging them by turns. The Lord manifesting His approval by visitations of the Spirit. A good interesting meeting closed the days work. The dear Lord giving utterance and clear light on the remarkable chapter of Daniel 7. "The Coming King" was sung to open the service, its cheering message paving the way for the Spirit to lead us in a refreshing service for which we would praise God with a full heart.

PAGE SHEPARD.

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### OPEN LETTERS TO BROTHER DASH

#### Epistle No. 5

#### KIND WORDS

Dear Brother Dash:—

The last time I was at your home I noticed that you spoke very kindly and considerately to me and was very attentive to my wants. I noticed however that your wife got some words that were not so pleasant, and that some of your children came in for several reprimands and words of censure. I wish I might without offending you, put on your tone and speak to you as I heard you address some of the family.

Yes, perhaps they needed reproof. No doubt they are bad children, but they are yours. Whatever they are, or are not, you are to a certain degree responsible. I am sure my dear brother, if I should speak to you as you spoke to

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your wife, you would not feel very complacent to say the least. I am sure you have many burdens, and these doubtless press and perplex and annoy you, but I question very much whether a peevish scolding tone, and words that blister and burn really help your burdens to be any lighter.

Try a better way. Slip your arm about your wife's waist and tell her how much you love her, and appreciate her efforts. It might surprise her, but I will venture the opinion that she would not be altogether displeased. It may come awkward to you at first, but just remember that when you won her for your wife you didn't scold much. The children may be skeptical, but they are not altogether the worst children, or if they are, how can you do better than to redeem the time? You will never succeed in scolding goodness into them.

O how much love, joy, and peace, Satan has succeeded in shutting people out of, by inspiring them with opposite attributes. There is much happiness and satisfaction yet to be had, in this darkened world of ours. Let us not be cheated out of our share. T. H. JEYS.

## THE BEST YET

This is what many have said in regard to the June number of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES Monthly, and judging from the way orders are coming in, this sentiment is almost universal. The mail one morning brought orders for 4009 copies. One agent has already sent in her third order, and will doubtless call for more.

On May 26 the first edition of 35,999 copies was nearly exhausted, and preparations are being made to print a second edition. The beautiful cover design in three colors helps to sell the magazine, and the striking and timely articles, covering so large a range of subjects, make it intensely interesting. "It ought to have 100,000 circulation," so says one of our subscribers.

The July number will soon be ready, and in general appearance and subject matter will not fall behind the June number. We say this with all confidence. The leading theme in the July number will be "Civil and Religious Liberty." Agents wanted everywhere. Five to forty copies 5 cents each; fifty copies or more 4 cents each. Send orders through your Tract Society, or direct to SIGNS OF THE TIMES, Mountain View, Cal.

## MANATEE COUNTRY NEWS

I am sure there are many who will appreciate a report of the work here.

The meetings have been running for about five weeks. Elders Bird and Achenbach conducted them for the first four weeks, but as Brother Bird was called away on other duties, Elder Parmele came, and will be with us, the remainder of the meetings.

It makes us rejoice to see some beginning to obey

the commandments. Eleven adults and many children have taken their stand for the truth, while there are others in the valley of decision. Quite a number of Bible readings have been given.

On Sunday nights we have large congregations, while the attendance is good all through the week.

We have organized a Sabbath-school since the tents have been here; there were twenty-seven present last Sabbath. We hope for more.

Brethren and sisters pray for the work here.

MRS. JOSA BISHOP, SARASOTA, FLA.

## CUMBERLAND NOTICE

In harmony with the actions of the executive committee of the Cumberland conference, notice is hereby given that the office of the conference has been moved from Graysville, Tenn., to 1217 Duncan Ave. Chattanooga Tenn. Secretary and treasurer of the conference Annie Kimlin.

All our church officers and people are invited to make a note of this change and direct all mail intended for the conference to our office address as given above. P. G. STANLEY, President.

## CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week ending May 28				
Name,	Book,	Hours,	Value,	Del.
<b>GEORGIA For five weeks</b>				
J. A. Kimmel	DR	105	\$ 7.90	\$38.50
R. O. Terry	DR	162	123.95	73.00
I. T. Merchant	DR	115	157.80	9.00
J. A. Kimmel	PGH	101	118.95	9.50
R. M. Carter	PGH	124	133.15	21.00
E. E. Kurtz	PGH	76	105.15	51.00
C. N. Bivens	GC	27	47.35	4.00
D. A. Fisher	GC	24	15.25	8.90
W. S. Fulbright	GC	20	33.20	
Mrs. C. Bivens	CK	11	4.75	10.50
Miss E. Zook	CK	91	74.15	64.50
Mrs. P. R. Rainwater	BFL	73	94.00	35.00
R. S. Carter	BFL	15	32.00	
R. E. Williams	Misc	?	31.10	
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA For four weeks</b>				
H. B. Gallion	GC	60	100.00	3.00
J. A. Brown	GC	105	22.40	
G. B. Case	GC	120	98.50	38.00
J. B. Rise	DR	74	22.75	6.75
Harry Park	GC	149	104.40	8.40
Effie Park	GC	152	60.50	6.00
W. C. Rahn	SP	75	121.50	9.50
G. H. Jeyes	GC	28	53.70	1.50
J. D. Stephens	GC		50.00	
<b>CUMBERLAND</b>				
E. D. Haskel	CK	25	4.00	26.50
Ruby Wagar	BFL	4	2.00	2.00
Mrs. A. D. Day	BFL	26	2.75	14.75
Walter Kirkham	PPF	47	37.75	1.75
Fred Meister	PPF	50	70.50	
J. A. Caldwell	GC	9		.75
Fannie Fine	COS	4	2.50	
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>				
Alby Paul	DR	41	28.00	7.00
T. T. Step	DR	45	25.50	1.50
J. W. Siler	GC	35	35.00	3.00
W. H. George	GC	30	51.50	2.30
E. Mead Graham	CK	46	32.25	2.25
Kazel Graham	CK	20	14.75	2.75
W. E. Lanier	CK	48	27.50	.50
J. P. Allran	CK	47	73.00	3.50
T. J. Woodall	CK	45	35.00	3.00
Mrs. E. A. Wing	S of P	10	6.50	6.50
R. L. Underwood	DR	51	117.00	
Ross Underwood	BS	51	19.50	9.50
<b>Summary</b>				
North Carolina	Total	469	465.50	41.50
Cumberland	Total	165	119.50	45.70
South Carolina	Total	762	634.85	73.15
Georgia	Total	944	979.70	324.90
Grand Total		2341	2199.55	485.25