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THANKSGIVING INGATHERING

I trust our people are all planning to make November a month of active service for the advancement of the message. In a letter sent out last week I endeavored to explain the purpose of the campaign; and I trust all have ordered their "Reviews," and are organizing their forces for work.

The amount raised last year was sufficient to send twenty-five missionaries to foreign fields and support them for one year. This was a great work; but many testified that had this been begun earlier they would have received more. So we plan to begin the first of the month and continue until after Thanksgiving day. This year we ought to gather enough funds to support another year the twenty-five missionaries sent last year, and send and support twenty-five more this year. Think of this being done by a little effort on the part of our people, and the funds be gathered from the world. Surely all will desire a part in this effort.

These solemn statements have come to us in Volume 9, page 14; "The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its final fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place."

Again from page 11 I quote:

"Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones." Then on page twenty-three the author says: "My heart is often burdened because so many who might work are doing nothing. They are the sport of Satan's temptations. Every church member who has a knowledge of the truth is expected to work while the day lasts, for the night cometh wherein no man can work. . . . Let the church arouse, and go forth to do her appointed work. Every believer educated or uneducated, can bear the message."

Words could not be plainer, nor instruction more direct. The closing scenes of earth's his-

tory are before us. The last act in the drama before the curtain falls is upon the stage. Probation will close, opportunities all be past, the time of trouble ushered in; and will we all at that time feel "I have done what I could," O, may God help all to work while the day lasts, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Brethren and sisters, if you haven't ordered your papers, do so at once. Plan to give as much of your time in November as possible, and I am sure God will bless the effort.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

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CUMBERLAND

The Tenth Annual Session of the Cumberland conference was held at Chattanooga, Tenn., August 25, to September 4, 1910.

Fifty delegates were in attendance during the meeting, and a spirit of harmony prevailed through the entire session.

Resolutions were adopted:—

Expressing gratitude to God for his fostering care and blessings; pledging renewed efforts in behalf of the home missionary and liberty work; haste in paying our pledges for the \$300,000 Fund (more than our full quota being already raised;) and greater faithfulness in tithes and offerings;

Recommending the continuation of the policy that has been carried out in our conference, of giving all the Sabbath-school donations to Missions, and urging that no Sabbath-school permit a lowering of the standard by the use of any of the regular Sabbath-school donations for anything but Mission work.

Encouraging the work with "Ministry of Healing" and "Life and Health" for the benefit of the Medical Missionary work;

Urging the importance of the scholarship plan as a means of giving training to our young people, and the importance of attending schools under denominational control;

Recommending that our Sabbath-school officers and teachers take advantage of the training now offered in the Sabbath-school Teachers' Reading Course, by securing the pamphlets now used in the course, and carefully following the studies as outlined in the "Sabbath-school Worker."

Pledges amounting to \$65.00 were made to the \$300,000.00 Fund, \$613.00 to Foreign Missions, and \$651.00 for the Camp-Meeting and Tent Fund.

The treasurer's report for the year showed a gain over the previous year.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year;—

President, P. G. Stanley,
Vice-President, Cyrus Simmons,
Secretary-Treasurer, Anna Kimlin,
Religious Lib. Sec'y., Cyrus Simmons,
Educational Secretary, Mettie S. Lenker,
Field Missionary Agent, S. F. Reeder,
Sabbath-school Secretary, Mettie S. Lenker,
Missionary Vol. Sec'y., Mettie S. Lenker,
Medical Missionary Sec'y., R. A. Lovell,
Executive Committee:—

P. G. Stanley, Cyrus Simmons, R. L. Williams, W. W. Williams, J. B. Locken, S. F. Reeder, Sam Moyers.

Ministerial Credentials were granted to:

P. G. Stanley, E. L. Sanford, W. W. Williams, J. B. Locken, E. Lesley Shoup, O. C. Godsmark.

Ministerial License to:—

Cyrus Simmons, D. W. Dillion.

Negro Mission Ministerial License to:—

W. H. Maynor.

Missionary License to Maude Dortch, R. A. Lovell; Mrs. W. W. Williams, S. F. Reeder, Anna Agee Hall, Mettie S. Lenker, Anna Kimlin.

Missionary License from the Colored Department to:—Mrs. W. H. Maynor.

Canvasser's Credentials to:—Earnest Haskell, Walter Kirkham, Fred Meister, John Meister, R. A. Judy, Sister A. D. Day, Mrs. L. P. Webb, J. A. Caldwell, J. D. Finley, Mrs. J. D. Finley, J. W. Purvis, G. M. Powell, H. B. Thompson.

May we all realize the magnitude of the work and do all in our power to carry out the resolutions passed. If we do this, there will be great advancement in the conference the coming year in all departments.

P. G. STANLEY, President.

ANNA KIMLIN, Secretary.

AMONG THE CHURCHES OF FLORIDA NO. 3.

After a brief stay at the conference office and at Leesburg, I went to Brooker. I found the brethren and sisters there of good courage; standing faithfully on the "firm platform," notwithstanding certain efforts to divert their feet.

Several days were spent with the Jennings Lake church, which I very much enjoyed. It had been two years since I had had the privilege of visiting this church. There have been several additions to this church since my last visit. There, the same as at Daytona and Gainesville, I enjoyed the presence and help of Prof. Gullett, who was visiting the churches in the interest of our South Florida Intermediate School.

There are many young people in the Jennings Lake church, who should be trained for the work of God. I sincerely hope some of these will be placed in our school this winter.

My next visit was at Gainesville. I found the brethren and sisters there of good courage, united, and firm in the old time principles that have made us a people. I enjoyed, very much, the young people's meeting, held Sabbath afternoon. There seemed to be no hesitancy on the part of any of the company, but all took an active part in carrying out their parts on the program.

How many young people there are among us who should find their places in the Lord's work. Brethren, direct them, and encourage them. Send their names to the conference officials, and urge them to fit themselves for service in the cause of God. R. W. PARMELE.

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GRAND OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED

Fla. Sept. 17, 1910.

Dear Brothers and Sisters;—

We have a lot and building which we will donate to the Adventists, if you can get four families of your denomination to locate here.

We will sell the lots for a hundred dollars each. We are members of the Baptist church, but a gentleman sold us a book which has opened our eyes, and we are now keeping the Sabbath according to God's word, and we would like to get your church here that we can have some place to worship. We are five miles from ———. There is plenty of work here the

year round. There is much money made in packing season as this is the tomato belt. Do please investigate.

Yours in Christ,

MRS. DR. _____

The above letter was sent to the postmaster at Graysville, Tenn., with the request that it be given to the leader of that church.

A recent letter from one of our faithful canvassers, after taking orders that day to the amount of \$57.75, and the previous week, \$109, writes:—

I am glad I am here, and at my right kind of employment. I would not care to change places with any one in the denomination. My health is good in every respect. I never felt better. I have never felt younger in the last twenty years.

One of our Georgia canvassers writes that in his work recently, he canvassed a wealthy lady in the country who owns six thousand acres of land. Her heart was touched to the degree that she ordered a copy each of "Practical Guide," "Great Controversy," "Best Stories," and "Ministry of Healing." This same brother writes that in one week he has taken extra orders for his quota of "Ministry."

Surely if more of our people only knew the untold blessings that awaits those who will step out in the channel of duty, I am sure that where there is today "One worker, there will be one hundred." Soon our opportunities will be past, and the work be finished. O, may we not wait too long before we see these things as they really are.

V. O. COLE.

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"CALL TO DUTY"

We desire to call attention to the report given in the "Review & Herald" of September 22, concerning the receipts on the \$300,000 fund from the various Unions.

We are glad to note the Southeastern Union is more than one third out. Six of the unions are behind us, and five have done more than we. But what is our duty is the question.

We have in pledges in our respective conferences enough to nearly liquidate our entire quota. The Cumberland alone has more in pledges than has been sent in to headquarters from the whole union. Dear brethren and sisters may we not each endeavor to pay our pledge to this fund.

At each camp-meeting many pledges were

made and all the conferences adopted the resolution to raise their quota as quickly as possible. Now the question is how quickly can you do it?

The Florida camp-meeting has not been held yet, and she leads in the donations sent in to this fund. We sincerely hope that all will take notice of Elder Knox's appeal and send in as soon as possible.

Dear reader you know if you have pledged, and you know if you haven't paid it, and if you haven't pledged you know that you should do so. Therefore please read this article and then before God and in the face of our needs do your duty, and see how you will be blessed of the Lord.

CHAS. THOMPSON,

Pres. Southeastern Union Conference.

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THE REPORTING SYSTEM

Some reasons for an organized systematic reporting system in the canvassing work.

1. "A good report maketh the bones fat." Prov. 15:30.

2. "Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Cor. 14:40,33.

3. Reporting is of Apostolic precedent. Read Luke 24:35; Acts 4:23; 10:8; 11:4; 14:27; 15:3, 4, 12; 21:19.

4. It originated in heaven: "And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying. I have done as thou hast commanded me." Eze. 9:11.

5. It enables the field agent to keep in close touch with the canvassers, their whereabouts, success, needs etc Phil. 2:4.

6. The field agent should know on "the first day of the week; or soon after how God has prospered each canvasser in the field the past week that he may pass the good news on to others. See manual for canvassers, pp. 38, 39, old edition.

7. Reporting promptly enables the field agent to get out a correct monthly report for the Union agent, conference president, and the Publishing House at the close of each month.

8. Thus the Publishing House may know,— (1) What books to make; (2) styles of bindings; (3) how many books will be needed; (4) when, where, and by whom they will be wanted.

9. This prompt reporting system also enables the field agent to know each week,—

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(1) how many canvassers are at work; (2) how many hours each one worked; (3) the number and value of orders taken in each binding; (4) the number, kind, and value of books delivered by each canvasser during the week; (5) where and by whom deliveries were made.

10. By the means of a carefully organized and kept-reporting system, when the conference president and others are looking for a place to hold meetings, the state agent can furnish them with the following information,—

(1) What territories have been canvassed; (2) when and with what book; (3) how many books were delivered in the territories canvassed; (4) by whom the work was done; (5) who are now canvassing; (6) where and with what book; (7) where and when deliveries are to be made.

Much more might be said regarding the reporting system, but I feel quite sure that the foregoing reasons will appeal to the reader, and therefore we must let them suffice. May God's rich blessing crown the efforts of all who are striving to do the Master's work, is my prayer.

A. L. MAROUS, State Agent.

478 S. Church St., Spartanburg, S. C.

NOTICE

Do not forget that the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses begin in the Youth's Instructor of October 4. This is a rare opportunity for young people to be guided in systematic reading of a few carefully selected books.

The Instructors of August 23, 30, and September 6, contain information about the courses.

Missionary Volunteer Series No. 29, which tells all about the courses, can be obtained free by writing to your conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the General Conference Department.

A selected list of fifteen Missionary Volunteer leaflets, of special interest to parents, (including Nos. 2 and 29) will be sent to any one requesting them, for ten cents. Address the Missionary Volunteer Department, Takoma Park Sta., Washington, D. C.

M. E. KERN.

SABBATH-SCHOOL LESSONS

The lesson quarterlies for the fourth quarter are now in stock. These lessons cover the closing scenes of Christ's ministry. The demand for lesson pamphlets has been growing steadily and those who have sent in their orders late have sometimes been obliged to wait several days for their pamphlets.

Quite a number have placed a year's subscription. This is a decided advantage to the user of the lesson pamphlet as well as to the publishing house. The lesson pamphlets for the fourth quarter, were mailed September 15, to all who had previously placed standing orders. These individuals will have their lessons promptly on time. The rate for standing orders is just the same as when the pamphlets are ordered from quarter to quarter.

All orders for lesson pamphlets should properly be addressed to the state conference office.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

Report of the Missionary Volunteer Society of the Southeastern Union Conference, for Quarter Ending June 30, 1910.

	Cumb.	Fla.	Ga.	N. C.	S. C.	Total
No. of Societies	4	6	5	5		20
Present Mem.	85	117	37	21		260
Mem. of Attainment				1		1
No. in Read'g Course	6	12	8	3		29
Mem. Conf. Society	4		10			14
Soc's using Int'r Les.	4		5			9
No. Junior Societies	1		2			3
Junior Mem.	4		22			26
Letters Written	79	16	37	4		136
Letters Received	11	6	29	5		51
Miss. Visits	36	6	69	11		122
Bible Readings	38		17			55
Sub. taken		3	2			5
Papers Given Away	656	55	395	145		1251
Papers Sold	27		1496	15		1538
Books Sold	19	270	36			325
Books Given Away	37	8	22	5		72
Pages Tracts Sold			10			10
Pages Tr's Given	316	138	633	201		1288
Hrs. Chris. Work	217	168	155	14		554
Clothing Given	97	3	44			144
Meals Provided	8		14			22
Foreign Miss.	\$52.50	\$2.60	\$6.40	.15		\$61.65
Home Miss.	3.68	.60	.99			5.27
Local Soc. Don.	4.86		3.41	2.03		10.30
Conversions	6			2		8
Signers Tem. Pledge	2		41			43

HELLEN D. DOWSETT, Union Secretary.

CANVASING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week ending

Sept. 10

Name,	Book,	Hours,	Value,	Del.
GEORGIA				
J. A. Sudduth	DR BFL	40	38.50	
R. O. Terry	DR BFL	21	4.90	2.00
D. A. Fisher	GC	16	5.15	
S. T. Walker	GC	28	42.00	4.50
R. M. Carter	PGH	32	35.10	4.75
J. A. Kimmel	PGH	38	58.35	15.00
Miss E. Zook	CK	18	6.70	2.50
Georgia Total		193	190.70	28.75