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NOVEMBER FOR MISSIONS

We trust every Seventh Day Adventist in the Southeastern Union Conference has adopted the above as his motto, to govern his life during the month of November.

There is a two fold way for us to do this. First, order your supply of "Mission Number" of the Review and Herald, and plan our work as definitely as though we were going to camp-meeting, or to visit some friend. Then when the campaign opens, October 31, go into the field to solicit contributions from the world for our world-wide missionary appropriations. Don't plan to go out some day during the month, but plan to put in the whole month at it. Surely this is but a short time to spend in a definite way to advance a work that is bringing to us an eternal reward. "Give a month, receive eternity."

Then it is a splendid time while others are giving, to do something ourselves. While the waters are troubled is the time to step in. So let us plan to make November the month we will pay our pledge to the \$300,000 fund. The funds that come as a result of our "Harvest Ingathering" are creditable to our ten-cent-per-week fund. And if all will send in their pledges on the \$300,000 fund it will nearly raise the amount apportioned us. The Ingathering is to send missionaries abroad. The \$300,000 fund is to provide needed facilities when they get there. Therefore they both naturally go together.

I am persuaded that all could send in the amount of their pledge without serious embarrassment. And if it required a little sacrifice to do so, we would have only the spirit of the message in making it, and what God requires of all who enter into His joy in the end.

We want to send in our quota to the \$300,000 fund by December 31. All that is required for us to do this is for each one to send in his quota to us. We can do it. Shall we not do what we can?

Again let me urge the adoption of the motto, "November For Missions." Then work to make it true in our experiences.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

FLORIDA ITEMS

We trust that every one is planning to attend the camp-meeting.

A recent letter came to the office bringing the good news that Brother C. B. Stephenson will be at the coming camp-meeting. We know that all the brethren and sisters will greatly appreciate this visit from him.

The patronage of the sanitarium is excellent. Among the patients at the sanitarium is the pastor of the Methodist church at Winter Park. He has expressed his intentions of attending our camp-meeting part of the time, at least. He has also expressed a desire to make the sanitarium his permanent home.

The tent meetings now being held prior to the camp-meeting are well attended. While at first there was great prejudice, the tide has turned and one of the workers wrote us that one hundred seventy-five were in attendance at the last meeting, and the prospects fair for good results in the effort that is now being conducted there.

A recent letter from one of our sisters of the newly organized church in Miami writes: "We are having most excellent prayer-meetings. It does every one good to attend these meetings." Why may not every church be strengthened by a good prayer-meeting? The attendance at the prayer-meeting of the church well expresses the condition of the church. Why not have, each week, a good prayer-meeting to refresh our souls and strengthen us for the times in which we now live?

We have in our office a large supply of the "Temperance Youth's Instructor." At this time when the temperance question is being agitated in our state is a most excellent opportunity for expressing to the people of the state our view of this question. This number of the "Instructor," in its attractiveness, is an excellent means for our children and youth to have a part in the temperance work. We appreciate the orders received from a number for this paper. All report excellent results from the sale of it. It brings an income of 6¢ a paper to all who sell it.

We hope that all our churches are planning

for the missionary campaign with the Missionary Review which will be sent out the first of October. May not every one express his zeal for the Lord's work and his desire to hasten the Lord by united, earnest efforts in behalf of this campaign. An order for the Reviews has just reached our conference office from a sister over eighty years of age and who the same time sends a large gift to the mission fields. She desires also to work personally with her friends and neighbors in behalf of the Missionary Review. May not every one from the children to the aged have a part in this great work?

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THE BAHAMA ISLANDS

No doubt the readers of "Field Tidings" will be interested to know that at this writing we have an all-round experienced canvasser who is now on his way to the Bahamas. Brother J. A. Allran of North Carolina volunteered his service to go to this field when the matter was brought before our people during the camp-meeting in North Carolina. Two other brethren of long experience in this line of work volunteered their service to go a little later in the fall if they were needed; though only one more may be necessary. All of these brethren are true and tried men, and have made a success in the work, and we are thankful that the Lord is impressing hearts to make sacrifices in order to go as self-supporting workers to this needy field.

I suppose the readers of this paper are aware that the Bahamas were given to the South-eastern Union as a mission field during the General Conference meeting of last year. So let us pray that the Lord may bless the work there and speedily warn the 75,000 souls that are on these Islands, for the Saviour will not come until each one there has had the opportunity of either receiving or rejecting the Truth for this time.

V. O. COLE.

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CUMBERLAND

Church Schools

In one of Israel's darkest hours with hosts of enemies plotting their destruction in the rear, and with barriers in front and on either hand, there came this command; "Speak unto the Children of Israel that they go forward." From the human view-point it was utterly impossible for them to obey. The whole company had been brought to a halt. They had ample opportunity to take in their surroundings before the command was given; and they wept at their calamity, conscious that in their own strength and power all was lost, "By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land," God's biddings are enablings, "Here is a lesson for us" on whom the ends of the world are come."

In Testimonies for the Church Volume 6 we have clearly outlined our duty in regard to Church-schools. Nothing is said about closing them when some one moves away, or crops are bad and times hard, or because some influential family has no children and do not see the need. The command is, "Go forward." Let all share in the expense, "The school room is needed just as much as the church building." The time is not for distant when the government will step in and close up our schools because of our failures to make them continuous. Let us be wise and make them adequate to the requirements of law.

Something must be done to put our schools on a firm footing, and not allow them in any instance to become an over-burden. Brethren think on these things in the light of God's word and the testimonies of His spirit and let us act in harmony with the divine instruction that has been given us.

P. G. STANLEY.

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NORTH CAROLINA

We appeal to our people in North Carolina to make our new conference year (upon which we have entered) one of faithful service to the Master. We have not time or space to enumerate all the duties of the Christian life, but I wish to mention a few, and earnestly request that they be remembered and faithfully performed.

1. Seek God for a living Christian experience. We need life and power for all our work.
2. Study the Bible and read the testimonies. They will give us light and blessings, life and blessings, life and power.
3. Be faithful in paying tithes and offerings. We can not prosper when we rob God.
4. Plan to do some missionary work every week and keep a record of it and report it regularly.

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Elder G. M. Brown, President, Greensboro, N. C., Route 1.

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DIXIE GEORGIA CHURCH

Brother Fulbright and the writer spent Sabbath Oct. the 1st with the Dixie church. Quarterly meeting was conducted. The Lord came very near and all seemed to be refreshed. We

were very much pleased to note by the treasurer's report of tithes and offerings for three years that a substantial growth had been made. The report shows that the tithe for 1907 was \$108.23 for 1908 \$225.09 for 1909 \$289.26 and for nine months in 1910 \$254.98. The Sabbath school report showed a nice growth. In 1907 amount paid for missions was only \$7.29 in 1908, \$21.79 in 1909, \$82.94, and for 1910 up to Oct. \$58.12. The Sabbath-school uses the thermometer and as a result the donations have nearly doubled. The figure set for the first quarter in 1910 was \$12.00, second, \$15.00 which ran over and the present quarter it has been fixed at \$18.50. The thermometer plan is a most excellent method. Hope all our schools will adopt it. Our state secretary will be glad to give any instruction that may be desired along this line.

School opened here this morning with a very encouraging enrollment, with sister Howington in charge. It was my privilege to conduct chapel exercises reading the 4th chapter of Proverbs. May the Lord come very near and add His blessing day by day.

There are several here who desire to take up the canvassing work. Some who have had successful experience, but for some reason gave up the work for a while, are desirous of taking up the work again. It is thought best to conduct a Canvasser's Institute at this place as soon as arrangements can be made. Eight or ten will likely attend. Brother Fulbright will try to make an engagement with brother Cole so as to begin if possible by the first of November.

C. B. Stephenson

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READING

Course Senior Course No. 4

Ambitious young men and women are always seizing every opportunity they see for self improvement, and these young people will be glad that another such opportunity will make its first appearance in the "Instructor" of October 4. It is the Missionary Volunteer courses. A word to those who have been taking one of these courses in the past will be sufficient, for what one conference secretary says is quite generally true; "Those who have taken the course are always ready to take it again."

There is a seat reserved in a spare minute circle for you. Do not leave it vacant. You cannot afford to miss the good books we shall read this year. First we will spend about ten weeks with fifty eminent men and women. We will learn something of their youth, the hardships they met and how they finally attained to success. Through the winter evenings for about two months, we shall hear John G. Paton tell the story of the gospel in the New Hebrides. You almost forget that the book lies between you and the real event, as Mr. Paton relates his amusing, his sorrowful and his terribly perilous experiences.

Then when spring comes that wonderful book, "Christ's Object Lessons", will teach us anew the beautiful parables that Jesus gave on the hills of Judea and Galilee.

But we cannot tell you the good things of the feast, to which the reading courses invite you. You must taste them for yourself. Come, and be one of two thousand young people in the United States and Canada who will join the spare minute circle! Fifteen minutes a day will do the work; and \$1.25 will buy the books if you have "Christ's Object Lessons." Every book in the course contains information which will be valuable to you in Christain service. The "Instructors" of August 23, 30, and September 6 will tell you more about the course.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES IN

FLORIDA NO. 4

At Tampa, September 3, I was met at the train by Brother Gilbert, who has recently begun work in our conference, and for the present is following up the work, left by Elder L. T. Crisler in Tampa. I first met Brother Gilbert about seventeen years ago in Battle Creek College, and again while connected with Union College, from which institution he graduated from the ministerial course last spring. His work in Tampa is two young yet to give evidence of fruit, but he reports a number of regular readers of the "Family Bible Teacher."

Brother Gilbert's wife, formerly Doctor Elsie Martinson, is doing well in her medical work. She has a rented house fitted up to care for patients, and reports a fair patronage in the past, and good prospects for the future.

Two meetings were held with the church on the Sabbath, both of which were well attended. Several new faces in the congregation gave evidence of growth in the Tampa church.

Sunday, September 4, was spent with the Plant City church, where two meetings were held. The Plant City church, though considerably weakened by removals, seemed to be of good courage. The recent labors of Brother C. V. Achenbach were a blessing, and the labors of Elder J. C. Mikkelson are a source of strength to this church.

I enjoyed visiting Sister Sank's school (colored) at Plant City. She and her assistant, Sister Montford, have an enrollment of over 50. About 50 pupils were present the day of my visit and listened respectfully to my remarks.

Zepher Hill is a new colony, 18 miles north of Plant City. Among the new settlers there from the north are seven adult Seventh-day Adventists. I was glad to meet these brethren and sisters, and to do what little I could to show them a welcome to our field. I believe that a tent effort there would result in a church organization.

One meeting was held with the Lakeland

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church. This church has recently lost from their weekly meetings a number of its members, on account of removals, and present indications are that still others will move. Are there not some good, loyal brethren who could locate at such places and be a strength to these struggling churches?

Death and removals have greatly thinned the Bartow church membership also; but most of the few who are left come together to review again the foundation principles of our faith. Says the Spirit of Prophecy in an article in the Review of August 9, 1906:

"The time is at hand when Satan will work miracles to confirm minds in the belief that he is God. All the people of God are now to stand on the platform of truth, as it has been given in the Third Angel's Message. All the pleasant pictures, all the miracles wrought, will be presented in order that, if possible, the very elect shall be deceived. The only hope for any one is to hold fast the evidences that have confirmed him in righteousness. Let these be proclaimed over and over again, until the close of earth's history."

This has been my burden in my visit among the churches. R. W. PARMELE.

TO CANVASSERS

The following instruction was given to the young evangelist Timothy, but we believe it will be good instruction for the canvassing evangelists of to-day. It runs thus:—

"Keep a strong curb, however on your youthful cravings; and strive for integrity, good faith, love, peace, in company with all who pray with pure hearts. But avoid foolish discussions with ignorant men, knowing—as you do—that these lead to quarrels; and a bond-servant of the Lord must not quarrel, but must be inoffensive toward all men, a skillful teacher, and patient under all wrongs. He must speak in a gentle tone when correcting the errors of opponents, in the hope that God will at last give them repentance, for them to come to a full knowledge of the truth and recover sobermindedness and freedom from the devil's snare, though they are now entrapped by him to do his will." 2 Tim. 2:22-26.—Weymouth's Trans.

A. L. MANOUS.

CANVASING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week
ending Sept. 24

Name,	Book,	Hours,	Value.	Del.
SOUTH CAROLINA				
F. D. Hunt	GC	39	45.40	7.40
Mrs. F. D. Hunt	PPF	31	25.85	2.35
Mrs. H. Park	GC	26	17.75	
G. B. Case	GC	20	14.80	5.20
Mrs. A. L. Manous	DR	12	13.10	
H. Park	GC	26	11.00	2.50
J. B. Rise	DR	39	7.05	4.00
CUMBERLAND				
Nora Burchard	PPF	30	29.25	
Florence Whitney	CK	25	34.00	
J. W. Purvis	CK	10	5.50	
Fred Meister	CK	76		312.90
G. W. Bledsoe	BFL	30	15.25	
Walter Kirknam	PPF	35		100.00
Mrs. G. W. Bledsoe	Misc	15	5.50	
Mrs. A. D. Day	BFL	20		
R. A. Judy	PPF	15	9.42	3.22
E. D. Haskell	CK	60	23.25	31.25
L. D. Wright	PPF	38	84.50	2.00
NORTH CAROLINA ending September 17				
W. E. Lanier	GC	52	103.50	2.50
W. H. George	GC	32	39.75	5.75
J. W. Siler	GC	20	24.50	1.50
R. L. Underwood	DR	46	61.50	6.00
Ross Underwood	DR	45	47.00	6.00
G. L. Kerley	DR	48	46.25	4.25
Bertha Ingram	CK	43	34.75	1.75
Emily Ingram	CK	42	29.75	3.75
Mrs. E. A. Wing	S of P	16	6.00	2.25
NORTH CAROLINA				
R. L. Underwood	DR	43	15.50	3.50
Ross Underwood	DR	43	21.00	1.00
G. L. Kerley	DR	60	106.50	4.50
W. E. Lanier	GC	50	78.00	4.00
W. H. George	GC	40	89.00	11.00
J. W. Siler	GC	32	11.75	.75
J. P. Allran	CK	34	38.75	3.25
Bertha Ingram	CK	39	15.50	1.50
Emily Ingram	CK	39	34.50	3.50
Hazel Graham	CK	8	1.75	7.25
Mrs. E. A. Wing	S of P	18	4.25	3.25
GEORGIA				
D. A. Fisher	GC	38	11.00	12.50
S. T. Walker	GC	20		27.70
R. O. Terry	DR	68	40.05	10.00
J. A. Sudduth	DR BFL	33	16.75	2.25
J. A. Kimmel	PGH M of H	37	74.40	
R. M. Carter	PGH BFL	27	49.45	10.75
B. F. Brown	CK	20	11.25	4.75
Miss E. Zook	CK	13	6.10	2.50
M. B. Scoggins	BFL	15	8.75	22.00
Summary				
South Carolina	Total	193	134.95	21.45
Cumberland	Total	354	255.45	449.40
North Carolina	Grand Total	750	809.50	77.25
Georgia Total		241	217.75	92.45
Georgia	Total	241	217.75	92.45
Grand Total		1538	1387.65	640.55