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## To-day

WHY grieve o'er errors of the past?  
Need such our future sway?  
The past don't make us right or  
wrong.  
'Tis what we are—To-day!

Old Yesterday has lived its life.  
Why linger 'mid its sorrow?  
It bears no part in future joy.  
Forget it for—Tomorrow.

'Tis grand To-day must rule  
supreme.  
Away with care and sorrow.  
The joy of living right—To-Day  
Will make us glad—To-morrow.  
—Watchman.

## When Was The Earth Created?

It has always been Satan's studied  
plan and effort to destroy faith and  
confidence in God's Word, and to

discredit its particular statements;  
and no other portion of it has he as-  
saulted with more malice and energy  
than the record of creation contained  
in Genesis 1, for the entire Bible  
stands or falls with that chapter.

Inspired by him who first exalted  
himself against the knowledge and  
wisdom of God, so-called scientists  
have invented many theories by  
which to account for the existence of  
things in some other way than that  
recorded in the chapter mentioned.

The evolutionists boldly, openly,  
and with a great show of wisdom,  
boastfully deny the inspired testi-  
mony and call it all a legendary  
myth or fable. Many theologians  
and editors of religious journals and  
magazines, notably the higher crit-  
ics, have adopted the same view, and  
are teaching it in the pulpit and the  
press. Others, not daring to go so  
far, are taking the middle ground,  
saying that instead of the earth  
being really created, or brought into  
existence, during the six days of  
Genesis 1, God during that time  
only formed it into a habitable globe  
out of matter which he had before  
created and which had previously  
existed in elementary form and cha-  
otic state for untold ages.

This last theory seems to the writ-  
er, quite as inconsistent with true  
faith in the Scripture and the power  
of God as the first.

But we have not been left to spec-  
ulate about the matter. Foreseeing  
the danger that his people would be  
led astray by these errors, the Lord  
has given us thru the spirit of prop-  
hecy, clear light upon the subject  
in "Testimonies," vol. 8, p. 258, 259,  
occurs the following definite state-  
ments concerning it:—

"The work of creation can never be

explained by science. What science  
can explain the mystery of life.?

"The theory that God *did not cre-  
ate matter* when he brought the world  
into existence, *is without foundation.*  
In the *formation* of our world, *God  
was not indebted to pre-existing matter.*  
On the contrary, all things, mater-  
ial or spiritual, stood up before the  
Lord Jehovah at his voice, and were  
created for his own purpose. The  
heavens and all the host of them,  
the earth and all therein, are not  
only the work of his hands: they  
came into existence by the breath of  
his mouth.

"Through faith we understand  
that the worlds were framed by the  
word of God; so that the things  
which are seen, *were not made of*  
things which do appear."

In "Patriarchs and Prophets," p.  
47, the author, after speaking of the  
creation of the earth, the lower ani-  
mals, birds, etc., and man, says,  
"*The creation was now complete.*"  
The heavens and the earth were finished,  
and all the host of them."

The great Jehovah had *laid the  
foundation of the earth:* he had dressed  
the whole world in the garb of beau-  
ty, and had filled it with things use-  
ful to man; he had created all the  
wonders of the land and of the sea.  
In *six days* the great work of creation  
had been accomplished." Not the  
affirmation that in *six days' creation,*  
not the formation or organization of  
pre-existent matter, had been accom-  
plished; and also that the *laying of  
the foundations* of the earth is includ-  
ed.

These statements to the true be-  
liever in the third angel's message,  
are more reliable than all the find-  
ings and theories of men; and, if  
thoroughly believed and remember-  
ed, will save us from being deceived

into adopting error; and in harmony with them nearly all of our translators and commentators will interpret Gen. 1:1 to signify the making of the earth out of nothing as a part of the six days' work. "Beware lest any man spoil you thru philosophy and vain deceit."

W. M. CROTHERS.

### Hospitality

As true hospitality is one of the Christian graces, and like all other Scriptural truths, will bear refreshing in our minds occasionally, I thought it would not be out of place to give a few quotations from the Bible and Testimonies along this line.

1 Peter 4: 9, 10. "Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift even so minister the same to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

In vol. 6, page 343 this text has the following comment, "These admonitions have been strangely neglected. Even among those who profess to be Christians, true hospitality is little exercised. Among our own people the opportunity of showing hospitality is not regarded as it should be, as a privilege and blessing. There is altogether too little sociability, too little of a disposition to make room for two or three more at the family board, without embarrassment or parade.

"Some of our workers occupy positions where it is necessary for them often to entertain visitors, either their own brethren or strangers. It is urged by some that the conference should make an account of this, and that in addition to their regular wages they should be allowed a sufficient amount to cover this extra expense. But the Lord has given the work of entertainment to all His people. It is not in God's order for one or two to do the entertaining for a conference or a church, or for workers to be paid for entertaining their brethren. This is an invention born of selfishness, and angels of God take account of these things.

"Those who travel from place to place as evangelists or missionaries in any line, should receive hospitality from the members of the churches among whom they labor. Brethren and sisters, make a home for

these workers, even if it be at considerable personal sacrifice.

"Christ keeps an account of every expense incurred in entertaining for His sake. He supplies all that is necessary for this work. Those who for Christ's sake entertain their brethren, doing their best to make the visit profitable, both to their guests and to themselves, are recorded in heaven as worthy of special blessings. Brethren and sisters, invite to your homes those who are in need of entertainment and kindly attention. Make no parade but as you see their necessity take them in, and show them genuine Christian hospitality."

V. O. COLE.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

IN "FIELD TIDINGS" of Dec. 13, there appeared an article, headed: "Bookmen's Convention". Some who perhaps did not read all the article carefully, have gotten the idea that this had reference to the bookmen's convention to be held at Graysville, but this is not the case. That notice had reference to the convention to be held at Nashville. We trust that all may understand that the bookmen's convention for the Southeastern Union Conference will be held at Graysville, Tenn. from Jan. 7-10; so let none be confused with reference to this date.

### What has the Southern Training School done for me?

THIS is a question which each student should ask himself. There are blessings here for each of us, if we will but prepare ourselves for them. Can I say that my conduct has been such as to meet the approval of God, and those who have had the work in charge? I am sure it is possible for this to be true in each of our cases, if we come with a desire to obey, and get the best results from the school. The Lord will not allow us to go away disappointed.

This is my second term in school here, and I have received much good from the school spiritually, and otherwise. The talks I have listened to, especially those made by those who have come in from the field of

labor, have inspired in me a determination to do something for the Master. The chapel talks from morning to morning, have also been timely. Some of them have been that of advice and exhortation, given by the principal, which I shall never forget. We would all do well to heed them.

I have learned also to get better control of self, and not to yield to petty temptations that come to me each day. Still I realize that there is room for more improvement along this line.

Taking it all in all, the Southern Training School has been a source of good to me, as it will to all other students who come here, if they will but conform their lives to its teachings.

SADIE BURTON.

### The Week of Prayer in Graysville

THE services of the week of prayer were begun at the appointed time Sabbath morning, Dec. 9. The first reading was read to a crowded house, and hearty response was given to it by the congregation.

At the close of the service, a call was made for a definite consecration and also an expression was taken as to how many would voluntarily lay aside their work, and assemble at the church every afternoon for a special meeting, and then again in the evening at the school chapel, where the regular readings were to be conducted. A large part of the congregation expressed themselves as anxious to meet in the afternoon as well as evening, hence meeting was appointed for 3 o'clock each afternoon.

These services were devoted largely to Bible and Testimony study, as well as prayer and testimonies. A number of important extracts from these writings, covering our responsibility as parents to our children and young people, and as members of the church, also some short Bible studies were given. Those who were in attendance at the services took active part, and it was evident to all that the Lord was present to bless.

Each evening the members of the church and the students in school, met in the school chapel for the reg-

ular reading and social service, and altho the weather was rainy and stormy, and the nights dark, yet it was the universal opinion that not for years had there been as good interest in the week of prayer service, as was shown this year.

On the closing Sabbath morning, after the reading, a donation of \$140. was taken up. This donation may not seem large to some, but several of our brethren who usually give liberally, were unavoidably absent. There will be no doubt further additions to the offering in the future.

In the school, special attention was paid to the week of prayer aside from these evening services, by devoting one period each day to a spiritual effort. All the classes of this period were laid aside, and the teachers remained in their classrooms, and the students who desired were at liberty to visit any classroom they pleased. It was the verdict of those who attended these meetings, that much good was done. We only hope that the spirit of consecration which seems to permeate the hearts of the students, and the members of the church as well, will continue to grow until we see the school and church reach the plane of living which God would have us reach.

M. B. VANKIRK.

### Reached the Goal

THE readers of FIELD TIDINGS will rejoice with us in the fact that the Southeastern Union Conference has sent to the General Mission Treasurer an amount equalling ten cents per week for her entire membership.

I am sure the dear brethren and sisters of our Union have the thanks of our faithful missionaries for their faithfulness along this line.

The quota has been raised for 1912 to fifteen cents per week. Can we reach this mark? Let all adopt the motto. "We can and we will."

CHAS. THOMPSON.

### Notes From North Carolina

We are glad to report progress in the educational work in North Carolina. We have church schools in connection with the churches at

Hildebran, Baker Mountain, Maple Grove, Rocky Ridge, and Greensboro. We bespeak for these schools a hearty support from the churches where they are located. They are an important factor in the Lord's work, and if they succeed it will be because there is the fullest co-operation between the teachers and the parents. Please do not forget to apply the Golden Rule in this important work.

Elder Nash is still holding meetings in Watauga county with excellent success. The Lord is blessing his labors, and he expects to remain the rest of this month. This will make his stay in the mountains two months. The church has been greatly encouraged and strengthened, and its membership more than doubled, I think. He will report his work more in detail, in due time, no doubt.

The president of the conference is laboring in the churches at Maple Grove and Rocky Ridge during the week of prayer. The writer is helping the church at Greensboro, and Brother Loy is assisting the people at High Point and Archdale. The other churches are obliged to get along during this period with their local help, because our force of laborers is so small. Elder Scott and Brother Shepard are helping the colored churches all they can.

Brother Shepard is having an encouraging interest at Winston-Salem, and he hopes for accessions to the colored church there. We rejoice in the prosperity that has attended the colored work in our conference this season. This very favorable change is most gratifying, after it has been at such a low ebb for several years.

It is a pleasure to report the progress in the work in our conference. Reports from the mountains, where Elder Nash has been laboring for about two months, in the vicinity of the Valle Crucis church, show that twenty-three persons have been added to the church and still the interest grows, and the influence of the work is extending.

Elder Scott writes that the large church which he rented for the winter is filled to overflowing every Sunday night; and new ones are constantly becoming interested. Thus the work for the colored people in Newbern continues to grow. Bro. Page Shepard has been meet-

ing with encouraging success in his work for the colored people at Winston-Salem.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign has been pushed vigorously, and more papers placed in the hands of the people than ever before. While we cannot announce definitely the amount realized from this work we confidently expect that it will be larger than last year.

There has been an encouraging increase in the tithe notwithstanding the severe drought which prevailed last summer in the part of the State where the most of our people live. The increase in the tithe is due to some extent to the increased sales of our faithful canvassers who have met with greater success than ever before and turned their tithe into the treasury.

We are especially grateful to the Lord for the advancement of our educational work. Five successful church-schools are in operation this year in which about one hundred children and youth are receiving a Christian education. We appreciate the self-sacrificing efforts of our brethren at Eufola, Hildebran, and Baker Mountain who in the past conducted school work faithfully, and we are glad that the work has grown and developed so that the burdens which these brethren have borne are now shared by others and thus a stronger and more extensive work than was possible in the past is being accomplished.

More calls for laborers are coming to the conference than we can possibly fill. We therefore receive with especial gratitude the action of the General Conference appropriating means for the support of another minister in North Carolina and appreciate the effort which our Union Conference President has made to get an experienced man to carry forward the work in our cities.

The week of prayer has brought a deeper experience and rich spiritual blessings to our people and with renewed confidence in God's love and care, we face the New Year, confident that it will give us new victories and be marked by continual advancement in all lines of work connected with the message.

G. M. BROWN.

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."

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## Southeastern Union Items

The second bi-ennial session of the Union will be held in Graysville, Tenn., beginning January 8, and continuing till the 18th.

Eld. Chas. Thompson, president of the Union, met with the churches at Atlanta and Macon, Ga. during the week of prayer.

Our office at 169 Bryan St., Atlanta has been treated to a needed improvement by placing a linoleum carpet on the hall floors.

The Atlanta Sanitarium has a newly equipped laboratory and surgical ward, and is now prepared to handle patients needing such conveniences.

Bro. W. H. Williams, our Union auditor, was with the Oakwood Manual Training School last week, assisting the management in closing up the year's reports.

Professors Van Kirk and Hiatt, educational secretaries of the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences, attended the recent educational convention in College View, Nebr. They report it a most profitable meeting, and well attended from the whole field.

Brother A. D. Harrison the Missionary agent of the Southern Union, is spending a few days with his family in Graysville, and is preparing for their bookmen's convention that convenes Jan. 16.

The Southern Training School is developing along the line of industrial work. The broom shop is now installed, and they are ready to show the public as nice a line of brooms as was ever put on the market. They are also installing a water system of their own which will add much to the convenience and safety of the students and faculty. The work is being done by student help.

The Atlanta Sanitarium has organized into a canvassing band, and are going out daily with the book "Ministry of Healing". They report

some interesting conversions. As they meet the people also good success in the sale of the book. We feel sure this will add much to the patronage of the institution.

The Orlando Sanitarium at Orlando Fla. reports the most liberal patronage of any time in her history. Every available room is taken, and the management is pushing the new building as rapidly as possible. This institution gives much added strength to the Florida conference as well as the work of the Union.

Brother V. O. Cole our Union Missionary Agent reports the present year as the most profitable in the sale of our subscription books of any in our history; and the future as most encouraging for an increased business.

## Canvassing Report

### Southeastern Union Conference

(week ending Dec. 8)

Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Value,	Helps,	Total,	Del.
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>							
John Allran	DR	36	10	30.00	6.75	36.75	20.75
W. H. George	GC	30					71.00
Ross Underwood	DR	2					9.00
Mrs. E. A. Wing	Misc.	22	13	8.00	.75	8.75	5.25
S. F. Woodell	CK	43	4	6.00	2.75	8.75	2.25
A. L. Underwood	CK	41	19	28.50	5.00	33.50	6.50
R. L. Underwood	CK	41	14	22.50	9.00	31.50	49.20
<b>GEORGIA</b>							
Carl Matthews	PPF	44	55	46.50	20.90	67.40	
Archie Deyo	PPF	2	6	9.60		9.60	
W. C. Cheek	CK	21	1	1.50		1.50	3.00
J. M. Lewis	PPF	27	40	55.50	14.50	70.00	
J. A. Sudduth	BFL	40					97.60
M. B. Scoggins	BFL	14	5	5.00	22.00	27.00	
W. H. Tarver	BFL	43					139.00
M. J. Weber	BFL	43	86	109.25		109.25	
<b>CUMBERLAND</b>							
Irregular				14.00		14.00	14.00
R. A. Judy	PPF	40	18	28.00	9.00	37.00	
W. Kirkham	PPF	40					145.30
Ed Whittier	PPF	25					68.20
Mrs. J. D. Finley	PPF	10	26	62.50		62.50	
J. D. Finley	PPF	12	13	24.00		24.00	
R. A. Judy	PPF	24	4	6.00		6.00	
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>							
C. H. Holland	CK	35					42.15
Henry Reckling	BFL	19					20.50
J. A. Bookhart	BFL	14	11	9.50		9.50	6.00
Nora Goodwin	BFL	15					16.00
Warner	BFL	10	2	2.50	1.50	4.00	8.00
Lillie Saxon	BFL	39	6	6.00	4.50	10.50	
Louise Laurence	BFL	36	4	4.00	4.50	8.50	
<b>Summary</b>							
North Carolina	Total	215	60	95.00	24.25	119.25	170.25
Georgia	Total	234	193	227.35	57.40	284.75	239.60
Cumberland	Total	154	61	134.50	9.00	143.50	227.50
South Carolina	Total	168	25	22.00	10.50	32.50	97.65
Grand Total		771	339	478.75	101.15	600.00	730.00