

# FIELD MEETINGS

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## Standard of Attainment

There is one thing that should especially distinguish Seventh-day Adventists from the people of the world, that is a thorough knowledge of the Bible. We should be so thoroughly grounded in the fundamental principles of this message that we cannot be moved.

But are we? Recently a church elder in a Missionary Volunteer Society meeting conducted a short quiz on texts that foretell Christ's second coming. The young people present were urged to give passages of Scripture that foretell Christ's second advent. Many responded. But after a

half dozen familiar texts were given, the meeting lagged. Nearly everyone knew of more texts, but could not quote them exactly, nor could he tell just where the texts were.

The Standard of Attainment is planned to remedy just such a situation. Why cannot the Seventh-day Adventist young people know the truths of this message very thoroughly? The Standard of Attainment certificate is issued to those that do. It is impossible to get a certificate unless one has passed examinations in school or the regular Standard of Attainment examination.

During 1915 the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department set for its goal the issuing of one thou-

sand Standard of Attainment certificates. To do this it is necessary for the Southeastern Union to have fifty-seven new members of Attainment. Have we? Well, hardly. But we have one more chance.

The Missionary Volunteer Department has offered a special examination for this year. From December 19 to 31 a special examination is to be conducted. Surely we should have a hearty response. If those that are desirous of taking this test in December will send their names to the Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary we will see that the examination questions reach them. Let us rally to this work and see that the Southeastern makes the goal in Standard of Attainment membership.

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**WANTED--\$8,454.02 TO COMPLETE FULL QUOTA TO MISSIONS FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR YEAR 1915**

## Word from the Fall Council

Received too late for last week's issue.

About one hundred and fifty delegates are assembled at Loma Linda, Cal., representing the General Conference and Division Conference Committees, the Union Conference and Local Conference Presidents of North America, Eld. L. R. Conradi of Europe, Eld. W. J. Fitzgerald of England, Eld. R. C. Porter of China, Eld. J. E. Fulton of Australia, Eld. H. R. Salisbury of India, Eld. A. J. Haysmer of West India, and several superintendents of fields in China and India are present, as well as several visiting workers and brethren. There are also the managers of Publishing Houses and Branch Houses and the Union Field Secretary present.

The soul stirring reports of Elder Daniells and the other workers from abroad have made a deep impression on all. The wonderful advancement of the work in the Far East, the sig-

nal manifestation of the working of the Spirit of God in these distant fields, make it clear to all that the Lord has set His hand to finish the work.

A deep spirit of consecration and an earnest determination to quickly finish the work has taken possession of the Council. Many calls for strong workers have come to us from these needy fields. We feel sure that if it were possible for all our people in the Southeastern Union Conference to hear these stirring reports and earnest—almost pitiful—pleas there would be no question about raising our full amount on the 20c-a-week fund.

A measure has passed the Council creating an "Asiatic Division Conference." Eld. R. C. Porter was elected as president and Eld. J. E. Fulton as secretary-treasurer. A South American Division Conference has also been created, but the officers for the same have not been chosen at this writing.

The hearts of all are cheered to have with us several of the old pioneers of the work, Elders J. N. Loughboro, S. N. Haskell, G. I. Butler, J. H. Morrison, H. W. Decker, J. H. Rogers.

Elder Haskell spoke Sabbath morning. Elder Loughboro occupied the afternoon hour, giving many experiences connected with the early history of this message.

Elder Butler spoke Monday night on the Spirit of Prophecy.

The evening services have been devoted to reports from the foreign fields. Several stereopticon talks have been given, illustrating our work in the Far East.

Surely this important Council will mean a new impetus to our work, a new vision to our workers who are in attendance, and a great wave of spiritual blessing and power to all our people.

Brethren and sisters, let us "keep our vessels right-side up," that the dear Lord may fill us with His Spirit for service.

O. MONTGOMERY.

# GEORGIA

Conference Directory

Office Address, 169 Bryan Street, Atlanta.  
 President, N. V. Williss.  
 Secretary-Treasurer, J. K. Macmillan.  
 Field Missionary, W. S. Fulbright.  
 Educational, Sabbath-School, and Y. P. M.  
 V. Secretary, N. V. Williss.

## 20c-a-Week Fund

Membership.....	744
Quota for year.....	\$4,357.60
Raised October 31.....	2,939.33
To complete yearly quota,	1,418.27

## Georgia Items

Dr. J. R. Mitchell, of the Atlanta church, has succeeded in raising \$18.60 on the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Mr. G. A. Mitchell, leader of the Atlanta Young People's Society, has reached his goal of \$7.50 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

We are glad to report that we learn of many others who have secured goodly sums in this work and are continuing to solicit for the cause of missions. We are anxious to secure a list of names of those who raise \$5.00 or over in this campaign. We will be glad if the church treasurers and others will report these names to the Conference office as promptly as possible.

Georgia has ordered out papers thus far for the Harvest Ingathering \$827. If an average of only 10c each is turned in on these papers, Georgia should raise for the cause of missions \$862.70. We trust that all of the churches and isolated members will be diligent in making good use of these papers, and that large returns will be made before the end of the year.

We are still short on our mission funds for 1915, and it is greatly desired that as much money as possible be turned into the treasury before the end of this year. In addition to the Harvest Ingathering, Sabbath-school and other mission offerings, this includes foreign mission pledges.

We are glad to report that Brother W. C. Cheek has recently enjoyed great blessings in his delivery. He reports that he delivered every book ordered from the office. In addition to splendid remittances covering his book orders, he sends \$25.00 to pay his 1915 foreign mission pledge.

In a letter to Bro. W. S. Fulbright, from Mr. Garnett Williams, who has

purchased books from some of our faithful canvassers, he says: "I intend ordering some books from your society soon. You know I have a few, but I want to invest further, especially do I want 'Andrews' History of the Sabbath,' 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' 'The United States in Prophecy,' and perhaps others. You asked how I liked 'Daniel and Revelation.' I give it a place second to the Bible. I don't believe I have ever read a book that gives as much Scriptural information as this one. I still have it in mind to sell this book next summer, if you will allow the privilege."

Thus we have such evidence frequently that the people are ready and anxious to receive the truth for this age, and we only wish many more were engaged in the canvassing work.

We have word from Sr. J. W. Philmon that Sr. S. L. Lee, of the Gainesville church, is planning to spend the winter with one of her daughters in South Carolina. Before leaving Georgia, Sister Lee ordered yearly subscriptions to the *Signs of the Times* weekly, *Review and Herald*, FIELD TIDINGS and "Bible Training School."

We wish that more of our people would show faithfulness in reading these excellent truth-filled papers which are indeed an anchor to the soul in these last days when trouble and perplexity are multiplying.

We recently received an order from Sister A. E. Deyo, of Fitzgerald, Ga., renewing yearly subscriptions to the *Review and Herald*, FIELD TIDINGS and *Sabbath School Worker*. In addition to this, Sister Deyo sends in an order for twelve books which she sold in about ten hours from the Home Workers' Prospectus.

Sister M. C. Kenyon, who has been engaged in the magazine work at Augusta, has again returned to Savannah, where she is continuing her former work in that city. Sister Kenyon is still selling the *Temperance Instructors* in addition to her other work, and seems to be having good success.

On Thanksgiving day a very excellent program was carried out in the Atlanta church by the children of the Atlanta church-school. A number of splendid declamations and dialogues were rendered, besides musical numbers and other interesting features. There was a good attendance at the church, and the members brought liberal Thanksgiving offerings to the

Lord, not alone in the way of money, but also groceries, fruit, etc. Those who were present were impressed with the excellent training which the Atlanta church-school children are receiving under the direction of Prof. and Mrs. J. H. Shrock.

We are glad to see that this most important feature of our work in Atlanta, which involves the training of our children and youth for service in the army of the Lord, is receiving such good and untiring attention. In addition to the many other blessings enjoyed, the Atlanta church was especially thankful for this on Thanksgiving day.

## No Time to Rest

The following is a letter from a faithful colporteur to Brother Fulbright:

*Carnesville, Ga., Nov. 22.*

Dear Brother: I am well at present and of good courage in the Lord. My work is about finished in this county; have two books left on hand, but I am going to try my best to deliver them before I leave. I want you to pray for the work that has been done in this county that God may watch over the good books that have been placed in the homes, and every word that has been spoken in His name, that it may bring forth fruit for the Master's cause. I will leave for Gainesville this week or the first of next week. Before going to South Georgia to work this winter, I thought I would rest a little while when I get home, but I don't know whether I can rest in such a time as this or not. I know there is danger in a stop, when there is such a great work to do. It seems that I must keep stepping. May God help me to be faithful unto death to do His will. W. C. CHEEK.

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 Sabbath-school Secretary, C. R. Callicott.  
 Tract Society and Miss. Sec., C. R. Callicott.  
 Religious Liberty Secretary, J. B. Locken.

## 20c-a-Week Fund

Membership.....	625
Quota for year.....	\$5,584.80
Amount raised Oct. 31....	2,338.93
Due for yearly quota....	3,245.87

# FLORIDA

Conference Directory  
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Secretary-Treasurer, A. L. Bayley.  
Field Missionary Agent, J. W. Siler.  
Sabbath-school, Y. P. M. V., and Educational Secretary, Mrs. R. G. Stringer.

## Florida Items

One of our busy housekeepers who has taken up the sale of the homemaker's books writes that she finds the book very easy to sell, as the people like them very much. She says: "I am only sorry I do not have more time to devote to this line of work."

Crisler, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Fountain of Morriston, was severely burned about two weeks ago. His clothing caught while standing by the fireside. At present he seems to be doing quite nicely. Brother and Sister Fountain request the prayers of God's people in his behalf.

Mrs. Stringer visited the St. Petersburg church-school for a few days last week and spent Sabbath, 27th, with the Bowling Green company. She also spent a few days in Bartow.

J. W. Siler called at the office this week. He brings encouraging reports from the canvassers in the field.

We are glad to know that Brother H. A. Hutchins is again entering the canvassing work for "Bible Readings." We certainly wish this brother much success.

Brother C. T. Roper, who is canvassing in Ocoee, reports that several people in that place are very much interested, and one young man has kept his first Sabbath. Truly such reports from our faithful colporteurs are encouraging.

Doctor Ingersoll recently visited the Jacksonville and Tampa churches in the interest of the Health and Temperance campaign. We are glad that our people are taking hold of this work with so much enthusiasm.

Brethren A. E. Lastinger and C. F. Boyd report some rich experiences in the canvassing field for the past week. The Lord does bless with His presence those who go out in His name to put our literature into the hands of the people.

The Tampa Church No. 2 is the first of all to send in their Harvest Ingathering money. Fifty dollars is the amount received, and they are all re-

joicing that they are able to send in such a good report.

Elder Heckman reports that there is a big call for men and means being made at the Council session in California. This is a good omen, for it means that the work is going, despite the great war that is raging in foreign countries.

Most of the churches are very busy these days in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, judging from the reports that have been received. We hope that every church may be able to average \$5 for each member. Try it, brethren, and receive the blessing that awaits you.

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Field Missionary Agent, J. D. Finley.  
Ed., Home Miss. & M. V. Sec., J. L. Shuler.  
S. S. Secretary, Thos. E. Pavey.  
Religious Liberty Secretary, Silas Davis.

### 20c-a-Week Fund

Membership .....	353
Quota for year .....	\$2,740.40
Raised October 31 .....	1,216.25
To complete yearly quota,	1,524.15

## South Carolina News Items

Brother Tonjes passed through Columbia one day this week on his way to Greenville to start a new worker in the canvassing field. We are always glad to report new recruits to the canvassing work.

Brother Strickland sends in a good order for Sabbath-school supplies for the newly-organized Sabbath-school at Greenville. This is our newest Sabbath-school in the conference and Brother Strickland reports that there has been an average attendance of seventy. That is a good beginning and we shall hope to see the school grow in numbers.

Elder Shuler is still in the West, but we expect he will be back in South Carolina before a great while now. We will be glad to see him return and hear more of the wonderful meeting that has just closed at Loma Linda.

The work with the Harvest Ingathering papers is still going forward and we hope all our churches will send in good reports for November. Some of the churches failed to report their

Harvest Ingathering funds for October and we will expect to receive an extra large report from them for November. We are away behind on our goal and we must work hard from now until the end of the year to do our part. I am sure every Seventh-day Adventist in South Carolina wants to do his part in this campaign, so let us all renew our energies and raise our full quota. We can do it if we do our best, for the Lord will be with us in the work.

I hope our Sabbath-schools are planning for a large Thirteenth Sabbath offering for this quarter. Our Thirteenth Sabbath offerings have shown a steady increase each quarter during the year and we certainly want to continue our increase. We set ourselves a goal of \$60.00 for last quarter, but we fell short nearly \$10.00. I am sure we can easily reach the amount this time if all will begin now to lay aside something for the Thirteenth Sabbath.

The Charleston church has sent in another order for 150 Harvest Ingathering Signs. The good work is onward in Charleston. The Charleston church has determined to raise their quota, and they will do it, too. We have much to encourage us this year. We have looked up the records for last year and we find that we raised more on the Harvest Ingathering during October than was raised last year for Oct., November and December. Let us not slacken in the work, but push it until the last day of December and then not stop, for what is raised after that date will count on next year's quota.

We have received the Sabbath School Quarterlies for the first quarter of 1916. The lessons are still in Matthew and will cover the 22d, 23d, 24th and 25th chapters. These are all interesting chapters and should be studied by all our people. Send in your orders early for Quarterlies so you can begin with the first Sabbath and have a perfect lesson. Also be sure and send in your orders for Memory Verse Cards and Worker Picture Roll.

The Sabbath School Department has prepared a "Perfect Attendance Card of Honor" for use in the Sabbath-schools. Everyone attending Sabbath-school every Sabbath for a whole quarter will receive one of these cards. We hope there will be many in our schools who will receive one of these cards every quarter.

# Colporteurs' Report for

## "When He Is Tried"

"Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone." None will ever know the depths of sorrow and suffering of Him who willingly laid down all that He had to save a lost world. As the experiences of Calvary drew near, the angels "in sadness laid off their glittering crowns." The scenes that were to follow were such that they could not bear to wear them while their loving Commander suffered and wore a crown of thorns. With all their might Satan and his angels were busy in the judgment hall destroying human feeling and sympathy. His highest ambition was to bring forth from the Saviour, if possible, some word of complaint or cause Him to manifest His divine power by wrenching Himself from the grasp of His enemies, and thus destroy God's plan to redeem the world. All through that darkest night of trial following His disgraceful betrayal, and the fleeing of His disciples, He patiently bore the mockery and violence of that bloodthirsty throng. As the blood oozed from His thorn-pierced temples, no murmur was heard, but instead He prayed for His persecutors: "Father, forgive them." Because He had done no violence, and no deceit was found in His mouth, it pleased the Lord to bruise Him for our sakes that we might enjoy a living connection with Him, in helping to carry the life-giving message to those who are walking in darkness. It was sin that caused the Father to sacrifice His Son. It was sin that called for the life of Christ on Calvary. It is sin that requires the giving up of every earthly ambition to take up the cross of our Redeemer and press the message with all the power that lies within us to a close. The work of the Lord will soon be finished. He who died for you and for me will soon appear according to His word. The field is ripe. Men and women who sorrow for sin are needed now to go forth into the byways winning souls to the kingdom of God. The laborers already in the work of distributing our



J. A. CALDWELL.

papers and books are experiencing daily proofs of God's love and constant care for His servants. I have just returned from a visit with one of our colporteurs and saw how the Lord in a most peculiar manner answered his prayer in a material way. As I meet with our book and magazine workers from time to time, I cannot help but notice a difference between them and those of our people who remain around their homes, looking after their own interests. In the workers there is a deep and growing desire to search for souls who are hungering for the special message God has for the people at this time. These workers seemingly lose sight of every earthly care, as they push their way onward, here and there, over the hills, through the fields, hunting for the homes of the people. We are told that where there is one worker now, there should be one hundred. "O, where are the reapers?" Many are called, but few of us choose to go. Some say they can't make a living working for the Lord. I have never heard of a colporteur starving. The psalmist says, "I have been young and

NORT		
Name	Book	Hours O
J P Allran	CK	39
N E Loveland	CK	34
N D Ingram	HM	30
J F Farmer	DR	43
J M Godwin	DR	44
Kasper Oertley	GC	7
Irregular		
Mrs U D Pickard	Mag	30
Mrs J G Pike	Mag	25
Bessie Williams	Mag	10
Mrs M G Bump	Mag	10
Lorine Locken	SB	1
Miscellaneous		28
Total		301

G		
Name	Book	Hours
W C Cheek	BR	31
B F Brown	BR	40
L E Cunningham	BR	47
W E Adams	BR	70
M J Weber	BF	24
Pat Peacock	BF	37
A J Sharpe	BF	40
E M Lewis	CK	25
Total		314

CUM		
Name	Book	Hours
C B Sorrells	BR	32
S I Lanons	BR	45
L D Hewett	DR	39
I D Lawrence	BR	36
Mrs G M Powell	BR	11
Arthur A dix	BR	14
Edward Whittier	BR	32
Total		209

FI		
Name	Book	Hours
C F Boyd	BR	40
A E Lastinger	BR	36
W J Nicholson	DR	90
P L Nicholson	GC	51
C T Roper	BR	11
Hattie J Reed	USP	30
Total		258

SOUTH		
Name	Book	Hours
W M Fee	BF&BR	14
H Hankoke	BR	20
M F Pirkle	BR	40
O L Maddox	BR	39
Henry Fordham	BR	49
Total		162

An item from among "book notes" in the Atlantic Union Gleaner:

The following testimony shows that where two or three of our good books are placed in a home, and appreciated they only create a desire for more:

Stiser Fryer sold a gentleman "Bible Readings," who already had the "Coming King" and "Past, Present and Future." He met Bro. Woodru and asked him if his wife did not see

# Week Ending Nov. 13

Helps	Total	Deliv'd
4 00	37 50	10 00
25	15 75	25
13 15	13 15	80 15
1 40	29 40	17 40
3 15	40 15	3 15
	4 00	
		60 25
30 00		30 00
25 00		25 00
5 00		5 00
5 00		5 00
50		50
22 50		22 50
109 95	119 95	259 20

		32 00
5 20	20 20	5 20
		63 50
		146 75
	20 00	1 00
		1 50
75	30 75	75
		28 75
5 95	70 95	279 45

		186 90
		132 30
1 05	7 05	24 55
1 35	19 35	1 35
75	17 75	10 00
	9 00	4 00
60	6 60	60
3 75	59 75	359 70

3 15	56 15	
6 80	34 80	
	178 00	
16 00	23 00	20 00
1 00	20 00	
2 45	28 80	2 70
29 40	340 75	22 70

75	3 75	14 25
	31 00	10 00
1 75	94 75	1 75
	24 00	4 00
	123 00	
2 50	277 50	30 00

was invited to call at their evening, when Sr. Woodim "Desire of Ages," "Great Day" "History of the Sabbath," "of the Bottle," "World's glorious Appearing," and "Births." Later he purchased "Revelation" from one of them. This man has accepted the faith, and wishes to be a missionary to Africa.

now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." The sealing time is at hand. God's servants are those who sorrow because of sin. They will be tempted and tried. It is a trial to be called to work in the vineyard; but "whatsoever is right" He "will pay thee." It is a temptation to remain out of God's work. It pleases Satan to have us overcome by this temptation, because not only will we be lost, but by their silence many others may be lost. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him."

L. L. LAWRENCE.

The South African Missionary says:

"Seventh-day Adventist Missionaries from Australia are working in the Solomon Islands, in the South Pacific Ocean. They have few conveniences, and many obstacles to meet. Lumber for building is not to be obtained. The home of Brother G. F. Jones, our missionary, is made of upright posts and strips of a certain kind of timber which is ant proof. These are not nailed, but are tied and laced together with a bamboo fiber, and are covered on the outside with the leaves of the ivory nut palm, which are sewed on to the framework with the fiber. Part of the roof is covered with iron in order to catch the rain water for drinking purposes, and the rest of it is covered with leaves. The floor is of earth, but they hope to gather enough of a certain kind of pole to make a pole floor, which, though not convenient or comfortable to walk on, is better than bare soil. Brother Jones writes: 'This is only a leaf house and of no cash value. But it represents genuine hard labor without pay by the natives, willingly and cheerfully performed, and, considering that this people are only just emerging from savagery, shows how much in earnest they are for light and education. Shall we disappoint them?'"

## A Baptist Minister's Approval

A brother in writing to the *Outlook* at College View says:

Not long ago a letter of appreciation was received from a Baptist minister in northwestern Kansas. A copy of "Matthew Twenty-Four," the little pamphlet in the *Bible Students' Library*, had fallen into his hands and he had read it with profit and appreciation.

The letter says: "Just a day or two ago an exposition of Matthew Twenty-Four (No. 58) in your *Bible Students' Library*, came into my hands. I read it through, to my profit. Its main thoughts meet with my hearty approval.

"Certainly, it seems to me, we are on the verge of a period of trouble such as the world has never seen. It presages the near approach of our Lord.

"The main thing to my mind, is that this doctrine of the Lord's coming shall be sanely and sensibly taught—not as a mere speculation for the curious, but as a tremendous incitement to a holy life. So taught, it can do only good. Many will scoff at it and deride the preacher, but those who have ears to hear will hear. There are some we need not expect to reach.

"It occurred to me that you might be encouraged to know that your work was doing good. A harvest hand left this tract in the home of one of my people, and thus it reached me. . . . .

"I love God's Word, take it at its face value; and because your tract has in it so much of truth and so little error, I thank you for having put it into print."

## Important Notice

Subscribers who wish the address of the TIDINGS changed are requested to notify the tract society, and not this office. The tract society will then notify us. In this way it will help to keep the list straight with all parties.

## Cumberland

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 V. Secretary, Mrs. Laura Magoon.

### 20c-a-Week Fund

Membership.....	563
Quota for year.....	\$5,423.60
Amount raised Oct. 31....	3,146.13
Amount due by Dec. 31 to complete quota.....	2,277.47

### With the Churches

At the meeting with the church in Lenoir City a good interest from the outside was manifested all through the time spent there. On Sabbath (Nov. 6) we had a good meeting with the church, and three persons were taken into church-fellowship. We closed our meeting on Sunday night with nearly a full house. I believe it would be time well spent if another effort could be held there sometime this winter. Some became intensely interested the short time we were with them.

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, we met with the church in Cleveland, remaining with them till after Sabbath. Although the church at this place is not large, all are of good courage and are faithful to the message. On Sabbath we had quarterly services, a privilege which had not been enjoyed by the company here for some months. The interest from the outside at this place was very meager, only few attending.

The week of the 14th was spent with the church in Athens and a good interest was manifested both by the church people and those of the outside. The inclemency of the weather and also the illness of the writer for two or three days while there somewhat crippled the efficiency of the effort; however we believe some good was accomplished and the believers strengthened by our visit with them. While there, in company with Mrs. Magoon, we visited an isolated sister, Mrs. Brown, at Englewood, who does not have the privilege of attending church and Sabbath-school. This sister is faithful to the message and is the only light in the town in which she lives.

On our way home we stopped over at Morristown to visit some of our

people who do not have the privilege of attending church, there being none at this place. We hope that soon a series of meetings can be held in this place for the benefit of several thousand people who have not heard this truth, some of whom we feel confident are waiting for the message for this time.

We returned to Johnson City Wednesday night, Nov. 24, and found some interested ones waiting for more Bible studies. We were also glad to find Elder Behrens, who has been taking care of the interest here while we were absent, much improved in health and gaining every day. We are certainly glad to see this improvement in Elder Behrens' health, as the cause greatly needs his services, and I am sure also that he is anxious to get back into real active work for the cause that he loves. "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth [more] laborers into his harvest".

C. R. MAGOON.

### From Bro. Burt White

No doubt the readers of FIELD TIDINGS noticed the report of the meeting at Jackson Chapel and how the pastor failed in his effort to put us out of his church building. But what he could not do, the very man that invited me to come there to preach, and being a trustee of the church, put me out.

One of his brethren said to him, "That is just like asking a man to take dinner with you; then when well seated, compel him to leave the house."

Everything was running nicely until this trustee's wife stood to keep the commandments of God. At this he was angry, and his countenance fell. I was looking for the word to vacate, as he did not seem so friendly, and said some did not want the meetings to continue longer.

I said the vote of the congregation was unanimous for the meetings to continue.

He then said my preaching was going to hurt the Sunday-school, and I had better call off in two or three nights.

I said very well, if the people had heard all they cared to, I was ready to leave, and my work was not to

build Sunday-schools; but I thought he would hurt the Sunday-school more by closing the door of the church against me than my preaching.

But Satan got in his work, and he closed the door the next night.

I had thought I would have three more nights, as he said; so I gave out we would study Rev. 12 and 13 chapters in that time.

When we met for service, this man said I could state to the people that this would be the last service. I did so at the beginning of the service, and tried to scan Rev. 12 and 13 enough to make them think.

God was there and moved upon the hearts of the people. I do not believe there was a dry pair of eyes in the house, except this one man's.

But the congregation said, "We are going to hear this man finish this study if we have to go from house to house."

So they laid plans for the old school-house not more than one-half mile away. We got it in readiness in a few days. Neighbors brought lights, secured a stove and seats, patched the windows with pasteboard.

We began our meetings last Wednesday night. The weather has been unfavorable some of the time, but we are bound to thank God for His guiding hand and a place to preach this closing message, and to find hearts that will respond to the call.

Yes, the Sunday-school has closed. The last two weeks they have had none, and I guess they may never have another at that place.

The superintendent's wife and daughter and the secretary are keeping the Sabbath and five or six of the heart and life of the school are obeying God in reverencing the memorial of creation. In all we have ten who are striving to obey God in keeping His commandments. Others are in the valley of decision.

Let us thank God for these dear souls, and continue to pray for every worker for God that we may see an abundant harvest of souls as the result of our prayers and labors.

Brethren and sisters, I need your prayers at this time to sustain me in this closing and terrible conflict with the enemy of our souls.

Yours for the Master's cause,

BURT WHITE.

**Cumberland Notes**

C. B. Sorrells, one of our colporteurs, has just placed 102 copies of "Bible Readings" in Knox county. He has another delivery in about two weeks of a goodly number of orders.

Sister B. T. Walker, from Dayton, called at the office a few days ago and secured some of the children's books for a Christmas delivery. She is using a Home Worker's Prospectus and is meeting with good success. Several others have these prospectuses. Now is the time to use them.

A call from another conference takes away one of our loyal colporteurs, Brother Walter Kirkham, who goes in a few days to take up the State Agency of Arkansas. We wish him a large degree of the Lord's blessing in his work there.

A very interesting Thanksgiving program was rendered at the Graysville church Thanksgiving morning. Among the gifts were about 170 quarts of canned fruit for the Sanitarium, which is being reopened under the supervision of Dr. C. C. Patch.

Mrs. F. E. Washburn, from the church-school in Chattanooga, spent the week-end with her husband in Graysville.

S. M. Jacobs spent last Sabbath with the newly-organized church at Daisy.

Brother Finley has just sent in his second order for the December *Watchman*. He writes that it is a fine number.

**Do Your Neighbors Know**

That there is no purgatory after death?

That Turkey is a subject of prophecy?

That the manifestations of Spiritualists are but the work of the devil?

That the apostles did not keep Sunday for the Sabbath?

That God had a purpose in withholding from man the mechanical and scientific knowledge acquired in recent years?

The foregoing gives a hint of what you and your neighbors may find in the January *Signs Magazine*.

**For Sale**

Five acres of land, four-room house, fifteen rods from the Baker Mt. church-school, \$300.00 cash. Address Mr. A. W. Sanborn, Hickory, N. C., R. 5, Box 44.

**"You Promised That Money to the Lord"**

Some years ago Mr. M—, a young Christian business man, who was also a good Christian, happened to be in a little town in the mountain region of Pennsylvania. He attended services in a small mission which was struggling along as best it might, and soon became very much interested in its welfare. A little later the treasurership was placed in his hands. Wishing to put the church upon as businesslike basis as possible, he proposed to the people that though they could not pay all their pastor's salary, they could contribute systematically to the other expenses, and try to enlarge their gifts, year by year, until the church should be self-supporting. The congregation seemed rather apathetic; but at last a meeting was held at which each one pledged a certain fixed amount, to be paid some time within the next year.

The treasurer himself promised a generous gift, and commenced at once to pay it in small installments. But the other subscribers delayed unaccountably.

Finally, one day, when the young man was in the principal store of the place, the proprietor, who had pledged a very small sum (though he was one of the richest men in the town) said to him: "When are you coming for my subscription, Mr. M—? I've been expecting you to dun me for it for the last month. You know I promised you something at the last church meeting."

"No, I did not know it," said the young treasurer.

"Why, I did. I promised you —," naming the amount.

The young man shook his head. "You never promised me a cent, Mr.

—," he said. "You promised that sum to the Lord. It is between you and Him. I am the treasurer of His church here, and when you get ready to fulfill your promise to Him, you can bring it to me as His steward, to be used in His work. But I, personally, have nothing to do with dunning you for it, as you seem to expect me to. I shall never ask you for a cent of it—that's not my business."

The man fairly gasped. "See here, young fellow," he said, "our last treasurer went around and begged for the money, right and left, all the time."

"Did he get it?" said the young man.

The storekeeper slapped his knee. "Well, no, not very easily—that's a fact," he said with a great laugh.

Before six months were over that man had given nearly double his original subscription, and had told the story of the conversation he had, with the result that the rest of the subscribers were influenced to pay up promptly, too. The church raised more money that year than it had ever done before, and took, unconsciously, a great step toward becoming self-supporting and a noble stride in its spiritual life by learning to give to God rather than to men.

This is a true story. Has it not a lesson for those of us who may sometimes forget our obligations to God? —*Christian Intelligencer*.

Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.—*Phillips Brooks*.

**Statement of Mission Funds for Southeastern Union Conference Ten Months Ending Oct. 31, 1915**

Conference	Membership		Amt. Required		Amt. Raised		Short	Over
	White	Colored	Oct. 31, '15	Oct. 31, '15	Oct. 31, '15	Oct. 31, '15		
Cumberland.....	480	83	\$4520 99	\$3146 13	\$1374 86			
Florida.....	593	151	5795 14	6964 14			1169 00	
Georgia.....	281	276	3631 35	2939 33	692 02			
North Carolina...	449	176	4654 91	2338 93	2315 98			
South Carolina...	174	179	2283 65	1216 25	1067 40			
Total.....	1977	865	20886 04	16604 78	5450 26		1169 00	
Net shortage for Union.....				4281 26			4281 26	
			20886 04	20886 04	5450 26		5450 26	

The foregoing statement is based on 20c a week for white and 10c a week for negro membership.  
W. H. WILLIAMS, *Treas.*

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## Southern Training School Items

A very pleasant Thanksgiving was spent by the students of the Southern Training School.

On Wednesday evening a program was rendered in the church, under the auspices of the Missionary Society.

Thursday school-work was suspended. Early in the morning, according to arrangement, the deacons were at the church to receive the gifts of food for the needy of the village. By nine o'clock a good supply had come in. At that time an appropriate and carefully prepared program was rendered, the smaller children taking a prominent part.

At twelve-thirty the faculty and home students sat down to a simple but appetizing and daintily prepared meal, for which our cook, Sr. Phillips, and her assistants were responsible. The dinner was served by some of the students, under the direction of Miss Phelps.

From two-thirty to four-thirty the students of the village were the guests of the home students and faculty, and were entertained on the campus with various outdoor exercises.

An excellent spirit was manifested by all present, and it was demonstrated that we can learn cooperation from our recreations as well as from other exercises.

An effort was made to keep before the students the thought that the true purpose of recreation is to prepare for better service, and we believe nearly all caught the spirit.

On Friday all were pleased to have Bro. Dillen, our Union Field Agent, just returned from the Council, occupy the chapel hour. It is encouraging

to know that the Lord's work does not depend on the conditions in the world. He has promised to "cut it short in righteousness," and it will soon be finished.

Curtis Varney was away from school a few days recently delivering books near Johnson City, Tenn. He found the people anxious for their books, and had a very successful delivery.

Brother Phelps, formerly a student here, has recently brought his family from Canada, that they may be in the school.

Bro. Rufus Ward has moved with his family to Brayton, Tenn., where he has bought a farm. We are glad to know they expect to have church-school privileges there.

The Young People's meetings on Sabbath afternoon continue well attended. The weekly reports show that some are active in missionary lines while preparing for further work.

FOR SALE—Five-room house in Cleveland, Tennessee, a city of about 8,000. Lot 62 1-2 x 150; convenient to railroad station and postoffice. Rents for \$7.50 per month. Price \$1,000.00 on terms, or \$850.00 cash for quick sale. Part of proceeds will be used for missionary purposes. Address J. K. Macmillan, 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga.

"It is one of the beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

## Report of Home Missionary Work Southeastern Union Conference for Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1915

	Cumb.	Florida	Georgia	N. C.	S. C.	Total	Total June 30
Number churches & companies	19	26	19	24	19	97	98
Membership of churches.....	679	874	283	679	410	2925	2953
Number persons reporting....	115	118	187	186	99	705	811
Number churches holding weekly meetings.....	4	1	1	—	8	14	20
Churches holding wk'ly Sab..	4	8	2	1	5	20	16
Churches holding 4th Sabbath	—	3	3	3	2	11	19
Letters written.....	97	377	290	150	88	1002	1461
Letters received.....	54	214	157	84	58	567	748
Missionary visits.....	538	339	2241	542	333	3993	5661
Bible readings or cottage mtgs	163	262	393	275	321	1414	2076
Subscriptions for periodicals..	19	29	26	25	16	115	254
Papers sold.....	608	458	2167	518	98	3849	6967
Papers mailed, lent or given..	586	4122	5205	2267	560	12740	21973
Books sold.....	274	181	266	172	79	972	1377
Books lent or given away....	101	148	453	90	85	877	888
Tracts sold.....	44	903	166	357	57	1527	439
Tracts lent or given away....	923	2645	4092	978	293	8931	22431
Hours of Christian help work..	315	545	1093	431	598	2982	4687
Articles clothing given away..	69	190	505	192	104	1060	1211
Number of meals provided....	145	257	580	486	85	1563	2079
Treatments given.....	55	68	60	130	26	339	393
Signers to temperance pledge.	11	—	3	15	1	30	35
Number of conversions.....	1	—	10	2	2	15	4
Offerings home miss'ary work	.20	\$55.89	\$102.71	\$16.50	\$3.00	\$178.47	\$233.86

The above is a summary of the home missionary work for the quarter ending Sept. 30 as compared with the quarter ending June 30. I think perhaps if you will carefully notice each item you will be surprised to see how far short we came up during the last quarter as compared with the preceding quarter. Surely this can be accounted for in no other way than that the summer brought about relaxation. My local reports from various churches indicate that a spirit of great enthusiasm in the work is being manifested by the laity which we hope will greatly augment the next report. I wish to call your attention especially to the Bible work. According to the report we find a deficit of 662 readings for the quarter. At this season of the year we have long evenings, and it often happens that the weather is so inclement that the people can't get outdoors, which affords a splendid opportunity for our people to visit and hold Bible readings. Remember that we, the depositories of God's great truth, are responsible to God not only for the opportunities alone improved, but for those not improved.

W. H. HAYES,  
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