



# CHRISTMAS IS COMING

On Christmas, so soon to come, let not the parents take the position that an evergreen placed in the church for the amusement of the Sabbath-school scholars is a sin; for it may be made a great blessing. Keep before their minds benevolent objects. In no case should mere amusement be the object of these gatherings. While there may be some who will turn these occasions into seasons of careless levity, and whose minds will not receive the divine impress, to other minds and characters these seasons will be highly beneficial. I am fully satisfied that innocent substitutes can be devised for many gatherings that demoralize.

Christmas is coming. May you all have wisdom to make it a precious season. Let the older church-members unite, heart and soul, with their children in this innocent amusement and recreation, in devising ways and means to show true respect to Jesus by bringing to him gifts and offerings. Let everyone remember the claims of God. His cause cannot go forward without your aid. Let the gifts you have usually bestowed upon one another be placed in the Lord's treasury. I present before you, my brethren and sisters, an object, in the European mission. In every church let your smaller offerings be placed upon your Christmas tree. Let the precious emblem, "evergreen," suggest the holy work of God and His beneficence to us; and the loving heart-work will be to save other souls who are in darkness. Let your works be in accordance with your faith. I heard Elder Butler read a touching letter a few days since from Elder Whitney, of Europe. The good work is going forward there, but it ought to have been done six years ago. Let not this work be hindered. Let it advance. If all, both old and young, will forego giving presents to one another, and forego the selfish outlay of means in these coming holidays, there would be in heaven a most precious record of self-denial for Christ's sake.

Every tree in Satan's garden hangs laden with the fruits of vanity, pride, self-importance, evil desire, extravagance—all poisoned fruit, but very gratifying to the carnal heart. Let the several churches present to God Christmas trees in every church; and then let

them hang thereon the fruits of beneficence and gratitude,—offerings coming from willing hearts and hands, fruits that God will accept as an expression of our faith and our great love to Him for the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ. Let the evergreen be laden with fruit, rich, and pure, and holy, acceptable to God. Shall we not have such a Christmas as Heaven can approve? Thousands of dollars are needlessly spent every year in gifts to each other. That is means lost to God, lost to His cause. It pleases the vanity and encourages pride, creates all kinds of dissatisfaction, murmuring, and complaints, because perhaps the gifts are not just what was desired, not of the high value wanted or expected. Christmas is not observed as its name implies it should be. Man has forsaken God in almost everything, and has turned the attention to self. He has left the pure springs of living waters which flow from the throne of God, and hewn out to himself broken cisterns, which can hold no water. God gave man a probation that he might be fitted for heaven. He was to look upward to God, who was to be the soul's adoration; but talent, skill, and inventive powers are all exercised to make self the supreme object of attention. Man has withdrawn his gaze from Deity, and fastened his eyes upon the finite, the earthly, the corruptible.

Satan is in this work to put God out of the mind and interpose the world and self that the eye shall not be single to the glory of God. Satan captivates and ensnares the mind. His infernal wisdom is continually exercised to mold and fashion the material with which he has to deal, to make God the least and the last object of devotion.

The various amusements of society have been the ruin of thousands who, but for these devices of Satan, might be servants of the living God. There are wrecks of character seen everywhere who have been destroyed by gilded, fashionable pleasure; and still the work is going forward. Thousands more will go to ruin who will not open their eyes to see and sense the fact that, although they are professed Christians, they are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

I entreat you, my brethren and

sisters, to make this coming Christmas a blessing to yourselves and others. The birth of Jesus was unhallowed by the great men of earth. He was the majesty of heaven; yet this royal subject had no attendants. His birth was unhonored by the very men he came to our world to save. But his advent was celebrated by the heavenly host. Angels of God, in the appearance of a star, conducted the wise men on their mission in search of Jesus. They came with gifts and costly offerings of frankincense and myrrh, to pay their obligation to the infant king foretold in prophecy. They followed the brilliant messengers with assurance and great joy. The angels passed by the school of the prophets, the palaces of kings, and appeared to the humble shepherds, guarding their flocks by night, upon Bethlehem's plains. One angel first appeared, clothed with the panoply of heaven, and so surprised and so terrified were the shepherds that they could only gaze upon the wondrous glory of the heavenly visitant with unutterable amazement. The angel of the Lord came to them, and said, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people; for unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." No sooner had their eyes become accustomed to the glorious presence of the one angel, than, lo! the whole plain was lighted up with the wondrous glory of the multitude of angels that peopled the plains of Bethlehem. The angel quieted the fears of the shepherds before opening their eyes to behold the multitude of the heavenly host, all praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest; and on earth, peace, good will to men."

You that have means, who have been in the habit of making donations to your relatives and friends until you are at a loss to know what to invent that will be new and interesting to them, seek to put your ingenuity to the test, as well as your influence, to see how much means you may gather to advance the work of the Lord.—*Mrs. E. G. White in Review of Dec. 9, 1884.*

### Important Meeting

Elders I. H. Evans, W. H. Heckman, C. B. Haynes, W. H. Branson, J. B. Locken, C. B. Stephenson, N. V. Willess, J. L. Shuler, C. R. Magoon, Prof. Leo Thiel, Prof. W. E. Howell, D. W. Dillen, C. W. Slade, W. H. Williams, and L. L. Lawrence, have just arrived in Graysville and are now in session on some very important matters, one being the selection of a president for the Southeastern Union, Elder E. K. Slade, who was named at the Fall Council, for special reasons, having declined the office. We hope to give a full report of the session in our next issue.

## GEORGIA

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 V. Secretary, N. V. Willess.

### 20c-a-Week Fund

Membership..... 557  
 Quota for year.....\$5,075.20  
 Raised December 1..... 3,233.16  
 To complete yearly quota, 1,842.04

### Georgia Items

The Canvassers' Institute, to begin on the 30th of this month, will be held in Atlanta. This will be a very important meeting. It should be attended by all of the regular colporteurs, and those who are interested in the canvassing work and the magazine work. Brother D. W. Dillen, Union Field Missionary Secretary; Brother W. S. Fulbright, Field Missionary Secretary, and others will be present to give instruction. Above all, let us pray for special blessing to rest upon this meeting and this branch of the work, and that those who attend may receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in such a way as to enable them to carry on their work more successfully than ever.

Mrs. W. R. Beach, of Waycross, Georgia, a member of the Conference Church, set her Harvest Ingathering goal at \$5.00. Sister Beach has succeeded in accomplishing her purpose, and has sent the money to the office.

Besides this, Sister Beach has already forwarded her missionary report for the past quarter, and it is

such a splendid one that we think the readers of FIELD TIDINGS will be especially interested to see the following items from her report:

Number of missionary visits made	15
Hours spent in Christian help....	54
Number of sick persons assisted.	3
Number of treatments given.....	1
Articles of clothing given away..	4
Number of meals provided.....	44
Number of tracts lent or given..	36
Total copies of all our papers rec'd	18
No. papers lent, mailed or given.	42
No. of books lent or given.....	11
No. of missionary letters written	9
Number of letters received.....	1
Number of books sold.....	10
Bible readings or cot. meetings..	12
Bouquets.....	23
Amount given to needy.....	\$4.25
Amount collected for missions....	4.60
Special donation for Manchuria.	1.00

The last item named is Sister Beach's Thirteenth Sabbath offering for this quarter.

Besides this report, Sister Beach seems to be encouraging and assisting two sisters who have recently accepted the truth in Waycross, for she sends in for one of these \$1.05 and for the other \$1.00 raised on the Harvest Ingathering.

We trust many will be encouraged by this excellent report, and that we will receive more and larger reports than ever for the fourth quarter of 1915. We are now preparing to send out blanks, not only to the Church Missionary Secretaries, but also to all of the isolated for reports of missionary work done for the last quarter of this year. Let us all be faithful in doing for the Master, and also reporting.

Mrs. Alice I. Slawson, one of our isolated sisters located on St. Simons Island, writes in reference to her quarterly report that on account of family duties she has not accomplished as much as she would like. She reports, however, that she has had a burden and has worked especially for one family, with the result that they are taking their stand for the true Sabbath.

Sister Slawson also reports that her brother, who has recently moved to Florida, has also been doing splendid missionary work with men of wealth and influence.

Brother H. S. Terry, one of the faithful members of the Atlanta Church, writes very encouragingly from Houston, Texas, where he is now located. Brother Terry is of good courage in the Lord, and expresses an earnest desire to again engage in the canvassing work.

We have recently received several subscriptions to the Bible Training School. This is indeed a splendid little monthly, edited by Eld. S. N. Haskell, one of the early pioneers of the Third Angel's Message. Each issue contains at least one Bible study, besides a number of short, interesting articles. This is an excellent paper, not only for Seventh-day Adventists, but also to place in the hands of those just becoming interested in the truth. The price is only twenty-five cents a year, and we will be glad to send sample copies on request. Address the Georgia Tract Society.

According to reports reaching the office, we learn that during the Week of Prayer, just past, quite a general spiritual refreshing throughout the conference has been enjoyed.

In this connection, while casting about as to reasons why the Lord does not always seem to pour out His blessings as we desire, our attention has been called to Testimony No. 29. This is in Vol. 4, beginning page 491. If there are those who are perplexed as to an evident marked failure to receive the blessing of God, we suggest that this portion of the Spirit of Prophecy be closely studied, with an earnest desire to be benefited.

### Obituary

Miss Harriet Elizabeth Selvidge was born in Cleveland, Bradley county, Tennessee, December 22, 1842. She was married to Mr. M. Wolfe, March 25, 1859; died at her residence in Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 12, 1915; age 72 years, 11 months and 21 days.

In early life she became a Christian, uniting with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, manifesting the attributes of a true Christian throughout her long life. In 1897 she, with her husband, united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, where she worshipped and lived a most consistent life until God, in His wisdom, called her to rest. She loved God and man and ever lived to bless others.

In the death of Sister Wolfe the family has sustained the loss of a devoted wife and mother, the church a consistent and active member, the community a loving neighbor and friend.

A husband, four sons, two daughters a brother, twenty-four grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and a host of friends are left to mourn. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder C. B. Stephenson,

W. H. BRANSON.

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## FLORIDA

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### Florida Items

Mrs. N. A. Honeywell writes that two of her neighbors have begun to keep the Sabbath as the result of Bible readings she has been holding with them for several months. She also says that a number of their neighbors invited them into their homes to hold the Week of Prayer services.

One of our canvassers, Brother Paul Nicholson, was invited to hold Bible readings in a school-house in the territory which he is now working. The meetings were well attended and much interest was manifested.

If you have not already ordered a Morning Watch Calendar for 1916, do so at once, and receive the blessing that comes from the diligent study of these Morning Watch texts.

Last week Elder Heckman arrived home from the North American Division Council held in Loma Linda. He reports a splendid meeting.

Sister Riddle of Gainesville is very ill. Let us remember the family in our prayers.

Elder Heckman is now visiting Tampa, St. Petersburg, and will spend Sabbath in Sarasota,

A letter from Elder Geo. I. Butler states that he has arrived home safe and well, and that the meeting in Loma Linda was a great inspiration to him.

During the Week of Prayer the Sanitarium church was greatly favored in having with them Brother L. A. Hansen for two evening services. He gave some very interesting and stirring reports of the meetings recently held in Loma Linda, and also of the growth and progress of our work in foreign fields. He also visited the church in Orlando, and made a pleasant call at the Conference office and the Sanitarium.

Sister H. L. Hown of Orlando has returned with her daughter to Snead's Island to spend a few weeks.

Mrs. Lee, of South Carolina, a returned missionary from China, gave a very interesting and profitable talk to the church at Formosa last week.

The church-school in Orlando now has an enrollment of 36 pupils, and is progressing nicely under the care of A. H. Foster, the teacher.

### Report of the Florida Missionary Volunteer Societies for the Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1915

No. of Societies.....	13
No. of Societies reporting.....	12
Membership of all Societies.....	251
Memb. of Societies reporting.....	232
Members of Attainment.....	3
No. studying for Attainm't memb	14
No. taking S. R. Course.....	5
Letters written.....	159
Letters received.....	92
Missionary visits (personal work)	225
Bible read'gs or cottage meetings.	84
Sub. taken for periodicals.....	16
Papers sold.....	281
Papers mailed, lent or given away	1326
Books sold.....	58
Books lent or given away.....	70
Tracts sold.....	12
Tracts lent or given away.....	521
Hours of Christian help work....	415
Articles of clothing given away..	138
Number of meals provided.....	77
Treatments given.....	28
Bouquets given.....	60
Scripture cards given.....	12
No. of Y. P. converted.....	9
Off. For. Mis. through M.V. Soc.	\$37.34
Offerings for Home Missions through M. V. Society.....	\$15.59

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### 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.

NO.

Name	Book	Hours
J P Allran	CK	35
J F Farmer	DR	37
J W Godwin	DR	26
N D Ingram	HM	24
N E Loveland	CK	34
Kasper Oertley	GC	22
O L Page	BF	31
Irregular	Misc	
Miss Ida Fosque	SB	10
Alvena Ball	Mag	
Total		219

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I D Lawrence	BR	48
C B Sorrells	BR	23
S I Lamons	BR	39
Edward Whittier	BR	32
Kathleen Williams	Mag	23
A Turbyville	BR	27
W E Park	BR	16
Total		208

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H Pankoke	BR	59
S P Smith	BR	41
M F Pirkle	BR	41
J A Bookhart	BF	36
Jas Singleton	BR	40
Total		187

C F Boyd	BR	10
H A Hutchins	BR	10
C T Roper	BR	8
Hattie J Reed	WC	13
Irregular		16
Total		57

A F Croal	D&R	24
Pat Peacock	BF	45
B F Brown	BR	70
E H Lewis	CK	30
Misc	BF	
Total		169

### Does It P

"I went to a very large house Tuesday morning, where the people were wealthy, but I failed to gain an entrance. The thought came to me that I ought to go back to that home; late in the evening I went back and rapped at the front door, but could not make anyone hear. I went around the house, and there I found the l

# Week Ending Dec. 4

Helps	Total	Deliv'd
60	5 60	5 60
2 45	31 45	2 45
2 10	31 10	2 10
1 55	11 55	2 60
4 95	4 95	56 40
3 00	3 00	43 00
3 85	28 85	21 70
41 00	80 00	80 00
	2 50	2 50
2 10		
18 50	199 00	216 35

1 85	49 85	1 85
	30 00	
1 10	11 10	1 10
60	9 60	60
		7 30
35	6 35	35
	6 00	
3 90	112 90	11 20

	45 00	49 00
	120 00	
1 40	92 40	6 00
2 20	25 20	2 20
2 45	33 95	2 45
6 05	315 55	59 65

1 05	10 05	
50	15 50	50
	3 00	
2 50	3 60	3 40
3 20	36 95	
7 25	68 10	3 90

	14 00	
	15 00	
13 50	13 50	86 45
		31 00
		82 00
13 50	42 50	199 45

back?  
 use. I began showing her and she said she didn't need of the kind. I told her I there in the morning, but find anyone. After learning asked the price of the book, ne to bring her one. Did it back?"

—ALBERT TURBYVILLE.

## Why I Go to Church When the Weather Is Bad

I ATTEND church on unpleasant Sabbaths because,—

1. God has blessed the Lord's day and hallowed it, making no exceptions for unpleasant Sabbaths.

2. My presence is more needful on Sabbaths when there are few than on those days when the church is crowded.

3. Whatever station I may hold in the church, my example may influence others. If I stay away, why may not they?

4. On any important business bad weather does not keep me at home; and church attendance, in God's sight, is very important.

5. Among the crowds of pleasure-seekers, I see that no weather keeps the delicate woman from the ball or party.

6. Among other blessings, such weather will show me on what foundation my faith is built. It will prove how much I love Jesus. True love rarely fails to keep an appointment.

7. Those who stay away from

church because it is too warm or too cold or too rainy, will frequently absent themselves on fair Sabbaths.

8. Though my excuses may satisfy myself, they still must undergo the scrutiny of God; and they must be well grounded to bear that. Luke 14:18.

9. There is a special promise that where two or three meet together in God's name, He will be in the midst of them.

10. An avoidable absence from church is an infallible evidence of spiritual decay. Disciples who first follow Christ at a distance afterwards, like Peter, do not know Him.

11. My faith is to be shown by my self-denying Christian life, and not by the rise and fall of the thermometer.

12. Such yielding to surmountable difficulties prepares for yielding to those merely imaginary, until thousands never enter a church, and yet think they have good reason for such neglect.

13. I know not how many more Sabbaths God may give me, and it would be a poor preparation for my first Sabbath in heaven to have slighted my last Sabbath on earth.—*Frances R. Haverdul.*

## CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

### 20c-a-Week Statement for White Churches and 15c-a-Week for Colored Churches

For Eleven Months Ending Nov. 30, 1915

	Amount required	Amount raised	Over	Short	Av. per week	To be raised by Dec. 31
Athens	\$247 83	\$54 26	.....	\$193 57	4 1-4	\$216 14
Brayton	143 00	125 14	.....	17 86	17 1-4	30 86
Bristol	114 40	39 01	.....	75 39	7	85 79
Cleveland	171 60	16 51	.....	155 09	2	170 69
Conference White	247 83	385 75	137 92		31	
Conference Colored	71 50	19 99	.....	51 51	4	58 01
Copper Ridge	181 17	97 70	.....	83 47	10 3-4	99 90
College	152 57	112 58	.....	39 99	14 3-4	53 82
Chattanooga White	409 97	151 32	.....	258 65	7 1-4	188 55
Chattanooga No. 1 Col.	92 95	92 20	.....	75	14 3-4	9 20
Chattanooga No. 2 Col.	235 95	116 03	.....	119 92	7 1-4	141 37
Daylight	362 23	91 86	.....	270 37	4 3-4	303 34
Graysville	1382 37	1329 47	.....	52 90	19	178 53
Greeneville	171 60	79 56	.....	92 04	9	107 64
Knoxville White	543 40	424 40	.....	119 00	15 1-2	172 40
Knoxville Colored	243 10	94 76	.....	148 34	5 3-4	170 44
Lenoir City	209 66	69 29	.....	140 37	6 1-2	159 51
Mission Ridge	95 37	71 30	.....	24 07	15	32 70
Spring City	76 23	57 49	.....	18 74	15	25 71
	5152 73	3428 62	137 92	1862 03		2194 60
Shortage to Nov. 30		1724 11	1724 11			
	5152 73	5152 73	1862 03	1862 03		

MRS. C. RUSSELL, Treas.

# North Carolina

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

## 20c-a-Week Fund

Membership.....	625
Quota for year.....	\$6,042.40
Amount raised Dec. 1....	2,509.40
Due for yearly quota....	3,533.00

## North Carolina Items

We were pleased to receive the past week the deed for the Kinston church lot on which the new church building is located. This lot, we understand, was donated by Brother C. B. Parker and Sister Belle Sparks. We know the believers in this place appreciate their liberality.

A letter was received at the office today from Elder W. L. Adkins, enclosing thirty dollars tithed from the Banners Elk church. This is the largest remittance of tithed in some time from this church.

Elder G. E. Peters spent the week of prayer with the Wilmington No. 2 church.

Elder Locken returned to the office for a day or two of the past week, but is gone again. He is at present with the Hildebran church, but is planning to make the Baker Mountain church a visit before returning to the office. He took with him another box of books to be disposed of on his trip to our people of the churches. He reported an excellent meeting at High Point. The people there readily took all the books he carried with him on his last trip.

Mr. H. A. Swank and wife, who have been for some time in Washington, D. C., have returned to Greensboro. We knew they were en route, for an order reached the office several days ago for one hundred *Watchmen* for January.

Brother C. B. Lawhead and family, recently of Augusta, Ga., stopped over Sabbath with old friends and acquaintances of the Greensboro church, before going on to their old home in New Jersey.

We were pleased to receive yesterday a complimentary copy of Prof. A. W. Spaulding's new book, "The

Men of the Mountains." Although we have only been able to glance through it, we are persuaded that it is a book in which a great many of our young people will be interested. Price, in cloth, \$1.00; paper, 50 cents. Order through the tract society.

The church clerks, the Sabbath-school secretaries and Home Missionary secretaries of the different churches of the conference will receive their respective quarterly report blanks within a few days. We hope that each will be very prompt in making them out and returning them to the office. If this is done it will be greatly appreciated.

The 13th Sabbath will soon be here and we hope that our Sabbath-schools will make it indeed a "Dollar Day."

One of our sisters at Hildebran received a gift for home missionary work in our conference from a Universalist in Honolulu. This shows what can be done by correspondence in soliciting help for our home work from those not of our faith. This gift was for the "Dime Album."

Prof. Thiel is visiting our schools in our conference, preparatory to attend the educational convention at the Baker Mountain school Dec. 24-28.

Elder W. L. Adkins reports good meetings with the Banners Elk church, where he held a two weeks' meeting. He has joined Elder Locken at Eufola for a few days' meeting there this week.

J. P. Allran is taking a few days' rest at home from his canvassing work, and is enjoying the association of the loved ones, a sacrifice that every colporteur has to make.

The Baker Mountain school has prepared a fine program for the Harvest Ingathering and they expect a large attendance and a good offering for missions.

The conference will give four premiums in books to the school that sends in the best offering for missions from a Harvest Ingathering program. The books are "Story of Daniel the Prophet," "Seer of Patmos," "Cross and Its Shadow," and "Marvel of Nations." Any one of these books will make a valuable addition to any school library.

## Among the Churches

After returning from the Fall Council, the writer started out again to visit the churches, with a new inspira-

tion. The spirit of the Council to hasten the finishing of God's work in this generation is fresh in our heart, and we are glad to find our people so ready to respond to our new plans to prosecute our work.

Our first visit was at Concord, where we were called to visit a mother, whose only son was lying on the death-bed. This young man, not yet 20, has recently returned from England, and it was our pleasure to read the Word of God to him and pray for the pardoning grace of God to come into his heart. We have three sisters keeping the Sabbath and are holding up the light in this city.

With the church at Archdale, near High Point, we spent three days. Here we met another man just across the waters from England. This man saw service in the trenches and had a most remarkable deliverance. He was left on the battle-field for dead, but was rescued and sent back to England, and when recovered, was again to be sent back to the trenches, but he desired to return to this country, where his companion and friends were praying for his deliverance.

When discharged from the hospital he had just eleven days before he was to return to the battle-front, but to his own surprise he secured his passport; when the eleven days were up, he was in New York. He had one more narrow escape before he landed, but it seemed God protected him, and when he reached his destination at High Point he learned that the people at this place had held a special season of prayer for him the day he secured his passport. The church is earnestly praying for his conversion, and it is hoped that their prayers will be answered.

The meetings we held with this church were rich in the blessings of God. We found here an excellent spirit of devotion, and a ready response to a fuller consecration to the service of God. A request had come to the church from one of the most prominent families in the community for prayers for the afflicted mother in the home. So with two of the brethren in the church it was our pleasure Sunday morning to visit this family and pray for the sick.

Before we left we secured the cooperation of the church in helping to sell the books donated to this conference by Elder Haskell for the work in

North Carolina, and they bought 32 books. The whole proceeds will go for the work in this field.

This flock is up to the colors and ready to respond to any call that will advance the Kingdom of our Lord.

Two nights were spent with the Greensboro church, and although small, as most of the flock have moved away, the blessing of God was upon the few, and they are talking of erecting a church building. One brother has offered to furnish all the rough lumber and secure a lot, and it is hoped that God will favor us with a church home.

Have held one meeting with the church at Hildebran and expect to finish up the Week of Prayer with the Eufola church. The bad weather that has come during the Week of Prayer has not abated the orders of most of our people, and I sincerely pray that the rich blessings of God to His people will abound in rich gifts to the cause of God. J. B. LOCKEN.

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**South Carolina**

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 Religious Liberty Secretary, Silas Davis.

**20c-a-Week Fund**

Membership ..... 353  
 Quota for year ..... \$3,205.80  
 Raised December 1 ..... 1,415.09  
 To complete yearly quota, 1,790.71

**South Carolina News Items**

Just a little more time to work with the Harvest Ingathering papers before the end of the year. Let everyone make the best of the time that remains. We have just received a report from the Union Conference Treasurer, showing that South Carolina is behind \$297.61 on our quota. Two or three churches will pay out; but we must all work harder, or we will fall far behind what we should do.

Brother Fee is back in the canvassing field again and we are glad to receive his report. We expect to receive a report from Brother Holland next week.

Brethren Pirkle and Smith, who are canvassing in Greenville, send in good reports for last week. Both of these workers put in more than 45 hours each and their orders were more than \$80 each. The men who put in full time and trust God fully are sure to see results from their work.

Brother Osterman writes that the members of the Darlington church are doing missionary work, and that many are interested in the message for this time. He tells of one woman who is wealthy that is beginning to investigate and is studying the Family Bible Teacher. Two have been added to the Darlington church lately as a result of an effort held by Brother Osterman.

Elder Strother spent the Week of Prayer with the Ridgeway church.

Miss Ida Acker, who is teaching the church-school at Cherokee, writes that the school is getting nicely started again, and that they have an attendance of thirteen. They will have more enter the school after the holidays. We wish every church in the conference might have a church-school.

We are sending out the quarterly report blanks to the Sabbath-school secretaries, and we hope all will be as prompt as they have been in the past. The quarterlies for the first quarter of 1916 are ready to be sent out. Let all who have not ordered a supply for their school do so right away.

Blanks have been sent to the church clerks for the annual report. We hope every clerk will see to it that every question is answered. Our statistical reports are very important, and we desire to have them just as near perfect as it is possible to have them. We desire to receive these reports by the first of January if possible.

Now is the time to subscribe for our denominational papers. The clubbing rates are now in effect and all should take advantage of the reduced prices. We hope every home in the conference will have the good old *Review* coming each week before the close of this campaign. We can't afford to be without the *Review*, for it contains information in regard to the message that is not contained in any other paper. Send all orders to the Tract Society. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 16.

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**20c-a-Week Fund**

Membership ..... 563  
 Quota for year ..... \$5,639.40  
 Amount raised Dec. 1 ..... 3,427.62  
 Amount due by Dec. 31  
 to complete quota ..... 2,206.78

**Items**

Elders C. B. Stephenson and W. H. Branson spent the Week of Prayer among the churches of the conference. Elder Stephenson spoke to a full house Tuesday night at the Athens church. His visit there was much appreciated by all the members. He reports that all seemed to be of good courage. Elder Branson conducted the funeral service of Sister Wolfe in Chattanooga on Tuesday, and joined Elder Stephenson Wednesday at Lenoir City. Elder Stephenson spoke to the church at Lenoir City Wednesday night. Because of the very bad weather the attendance was small, but the visit was very much appreciated. The time from Thursday to Sabbath was spent at Knoxville, and several meetings were held with both the white and colored churches. They bring the report that both of these churches in Knoxville are doing splendid work, both in the Home Missionary line and in raising funds for the foreign fields. A splendid offering was given on the Sabbath in both churches.

Prof. L. H. Wood and wife, now of the Southern Union, paid our little city, Graysville, a visit this week.

**STATEMENT**

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 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of Dec., 1915. K. F. Johnson, Notary Public. (My commission expires October, 1916.)

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## Week of Prayer at the Southern Training School

The Week of Prayer just closed was a good season at the school. Before the week came the faculty and some of the students prayed earnestly for victory in their own lives that God might use them to help others.

During the week the readings were given at chapel time in the school. This was followed by a consecration service, or prayer season, as was indicated.

Worship time in the school homes was given special attention, and these were blessed seasons.

The students in the village met with the various districts into which the church was divided. Evening meetings were held in the church, where the readings were again given. The messages contained in these readings seemed to find a good response in nearly all hearts. Confessions of wrong or neglect were heard and consecrations of many lives were made. There were evidences of a deepening conviction of hearts as the week passed rather than any special manifestation.

The first Sabbath we were very much pleased to have with us Brother L. A. Hansen of the Medical Department of the General Conference. The last of the week we were favored with a visit from Prof. Wood, our former principal. He spoke to the students at chapel Friday morning and at the Young People's meeting Sabbath afternoon. The messages he brought were an inspiration to many.

While much was gained during the week, we feel we must still seek God till victory comes to each life. We invite the prayers of the brethren and sisters throughout the field. A further report will be given next week.

## Home Missionary Work Done during three years ending March 31, 1915.

Number reporting.....	19,180
Letters written.....	95,845
Letters received.....	37,080
Missionary visits.....	323,687
Bible readings.....	155,695
Subscriptions.....	27,862
Papers circulated.....	4,031,065
Books circulated.....	122,157
Tracts circulated.....	3,710,943
Hours Christian help work...	200,888
Articles of clothing given....	62,086
Meals provided.....	29,803
Treatments given.....	17,649
Signatures to pledges.....	4,001
Offerings.....	\$38,660.75
Conversions.....	1,920

In the consideration of the home missionary work, the following actions were taken:

*Whereas*, we find in the Testimonies the following definite statement: "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers;" and the further statement: "If every church member were a living missionary, the gospel would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to every people and nation and tongue;" therefore,

*We recommend*,—

1. That every conference and mission field throughout the world give attention to training its members in methods of soul winning work, and that in all fields of sufficient membership a secretary be appointed to give full or part time, according to the needs of the field, to organize churches and companies for work and to teach the members how to work.

2. That in all our colleges, academies and training schools some lessons on the various phases of church work and duties of church officers be made a part of the course for all field workers.

The Home Missionary work and its place in this message is a question that should agitate the mind of every true lover of the Third Angel's Message. I have often been asked the question, "How do the leaders of the denomination look upon this work?" In answer to all such questions, I wish to refer to the above clipping, which is taken from the *Review* of Dec. 9, 1915. This is a part of the report as rendered by Miss E. M. Graham, of Washington, secretary of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, to the General Conference while in session at Loma Linda, Cal. I am glad to see the recommendations of that council, as there seems to be no other way of finishing the work only through the systematic work of the laity. Let us put these and all other similar recommendations into practice, by each one of us getting right down to actual service, which can be done only by each one who expects a part in the first resurrection, going from his knees to his neighbor with this glad message of a soon-coming Saviour.

W. H. HAYES.

As we go to press we notice the arrival in Graysville of Bro. W. H. Williams, our Union auditor; Elder N. V. Willess, of Atlanta, and Elder C. R. Magoon, of Johnson City.

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Christmas gifts for China.  
How much will Southeastern Union Sabbath-schools give?  
Read Missions Quarterly thoughtfully;  
It will touch your heart and purse.  
Stand loyally by our missionaries.  
The harvest, already white, stands ready.  
Manchuria was entered at the eleventh hour.  
All work for China by your representatives—the \$\$.  
Speed on the blessed truth.

One Son had God, and he was a missionary.  
Far Western China calls for the Gospel.  
Forget self; have the dollar ready by Christmas.  
East China Mission needs your help.  
Be you in partnership with the missionaries?  
In delay, there is danger.  
Now make it Dollar Day.  
Gift Day—the best Christmas day.

—Lake Union Herald.