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## *Shall We Halt or Quicken the Advance in Mission Lands?*

*J. L. Shaw, Treasurer, General Conference*

The faithful men and women giving to, and laboring and sacrificing for, the advance of our work should know the outlook for missions in 1929. We shall, therefore, in a brief way, undertake to set forth the situation, that each may better know what he should do in the Week of Sacrifice and Annual Offering and other mission offerings during the remaining weeks of this year.

In 1927 the expenditures of the General Conference for missions was \$100,000 more than receipts; or, in other words, there was given to our mission fields a full hundred thousand dollars above the gifts of our people. Not expecting such a situation, larger promises were made for 1928. Therefore, at the recent Autumn Council in Springfield, the leading financial question was, what shall we promise the mission fields in 1929?

While the prospective income did not give promise of being equal to the outgo, we hesitated to make a cut in our appropriations, knowing from previous experience the perplexity and discouragement that would come to our faithful missionaries if a cut were made. A cut would mean reducing the salary and expense of our missionaries, or removing some of them from the work. Consequently, an action was passed that we make no cut, but place the situation before our people.

Merely to make no cut in appropriations saves retreat and retrenchment, but it provides no

advance in the sending out of new recruits in 1929. Putting it in another way, Shall we mark time in sending no new workers to the mission fields during the coming year and thereby halt our advance, or shall we increase our gifts and send additional workers?

In order to let our people finally settle this question rather than leaving it to the vote of the Autumn Council, it was decided to give all the available increase in mission gifts on the Sixty-cent-a-Week Fund for 1928, above 1927, to our mission fields for advance work up to \$150,000. The amount by which we increase our gifts during the remaining weeks of the year, as agreed upon, will measure the advance possible in sending out new missionaries and providing for new work in the fields in 1929.

The Week of Sacrifice is November 25 to December 1. What will you do during that week to aid the advance in mission lands? Will you once again consecrate yourselves and your means to the advancement of the message? We have courage to believe that our people will arise and do a great thing.

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To work fearlessly, to follow earnestly after truth, to rest with childlike confidence in God's guidance, to leave one's lot willingly and heartily to Him—this is my sermon to myself. If we could live more within sight of heaven, we should care less for the turmoil of earth.—*John Richard Green.*

## DOES IT PAY?

When we hear of large numbers who have been added to our membership in a comparatively short time, whether in the mission field or the homeland, we are apt to question in our minds the genuineness of the work that has been accomplished. When Jesus was once speaking on the subject of judging our fellow men, He said, "By their fruits ye shall know them," and perhaps this is the best test that can be applied to the genuineness of anyone's conversion.

From time to time we have been forwarding reports of missionary advance in the Inter-American Division, and doubtless many have been wondering concerning the nature of the work that is being accomplished in this field. In this report we will present the character and work of one of our Indian converts in the Tehuantepec Mission, Mexico. Brother J. B. Nelson, the superintendent of the mission, tells the story in one of his reports to the division office. We are sure that if there has been a question in anyone's mind concerning the value of mission work, this story of self-sacrifice and consecration will help such an one to look at the question of values from the standpoint of heaven.

"Virginia Hernandez, an old Indian woman, accepted the third angel's message when she was past sixty years of age. She could neither read nor write, and so she received her knowledge of the great plan of salvation by listening to others read from the Bible. A great longing to be able to read God's word for herself came into her heart. She studied and prayed

five long years to accomplish this purpose, and God rewarded her faithful effort.

"On fire with heavenly truth and love, and knowing that her years of strength were few, she dedicated the remaining part of her humble life to God to be a light-bearer among her people. Beginning in her native village, she won several souls for Jesus; and then with her scanty earnings she purchased a few hymn books, some cheap Bibles, and a quantity of our booklets and tracts, which she carried in a basket, and with her earthly possessions rolled in a bundle she started out by faith afoot to visit other villages in the country districts. The territory through which she traveled is infested with venomous snakes, Mexican tigers, and other ferocious animals; yet she allows none of these dangers to deter her from her service of love. These missionary trips extend to remote villages far from a railroad or civilized centers. Virginia, a frail old Indian woman, depending entirely upon God for protection, and placing all in His hands, wins souls wherever she travels. We have baptized one hundred of her converts, and she has more than twice that number being prepared for this sacred ordinance.

"At St. Lucretia some time ago she met a wicked baker and gave him some pamphlets. Later she sold him one of our small books, and a Bible, and then studied with this man's family until they were all converted and baptized. This family dedicated all of their earnings above bare living expenses to the building of a church and its upkeep in their village, besides their faithful tithes and offerings through the regular channels. A little while ago this brother, as he lay dying, wrote me a beautiful letter, in which he expressed his joy that he had given his all to God, and his confidence in the Lord's promise of a heavenly home. He leaves behind a faithful widow, poor, but struggling to prepare her only boy for God's service; and there remains this flourishing church as a beautiful memorial of this brother's sacrifice.

"Virginia is still carrying forward her faithful self-supporting work, looking forward to the soon coming of her Saviour."

In this story of Virginia and her work, Brother Nelson gives us an idea of the character of some of these who are accepting the message in Mexico. With lay members manifesting such zeal, consecration, and this spirit of sacrifice, we can understand why the layman's movement in Mexico is taking on such remarkable proportions at the present time. The few leaders in that vast field are perplexed to know how to keep pace with the movement, or to visit these companies which are springing up everywhere these self-supporting workers go. One of the greatest burdens on the heart of Brother Parsons, the superintendent of the Mexican Union, at the time of our last divisional committee meeting, was to secure two additional workers to give their entire time to the interests of this movement, which is developing so rapidly that it must have special supervision; but he faced an unexpansive budget allowance for Mexico, and he returned to his field perplexed as to how he could use his few workers to the best advantage to answer the many pressing calls.

Mission work which gathers out such jewels as Virginia, or transforms a wicked career into such a life of devotion and sacrifice as the one referred to in this story, is worthy of support. The overflow of the Thirteenth Sabbath offering for the fourth quarter of 1928 will be devoted to advance work in the Inter-American Division. Money thus invested will yield dividends for eternity. C. E. Wood.

### WE REAP WHAT WE HAVE SOWN

We shape ourselves the joy or fear  
Of which the coming life is made,  
And fill our future's atmosphere  
With sunshine or with shade.  
The tissue of the life to be  
We weave with colors all our own,  
And in the field of destiny  
We reap as we have sown.

—Whittier.

## CAROLINA

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### AMONG THE CHURCHES

Mrs. Butterfield and I spent Friday night, October 26, with Brother and Sister Henry Pike at Siler City, N. C. This was the first time I had the pleasure of visiting Brother and Sister Pike in their home since coming to the conference. We found them faithful, and anxious to see the work built up in their home city. In the evening friends and neighbors were invited in, and a meeting was held with them. All seemed to be interested in the truth for this time. Sabbath forenoon we met with the Kernersville church, and were glad to see so many present, especially the large number of young people. We found them working hard on their Harvest Ingathering goal, hoping to reach it soon. Kernersville is in need of a church school, and they hope it will not be long before they can have one.

The afternoon of the same day was spent with the First Winston-Salem church. The meetings in Winston-Salem are held in Sister Fulk's home. There was a good attendance, and all seemed anxious to do what they could to help in the finishing of the work.

Sunday was spent visiting with members in Winston-Salem and High Point. We especially enjoyed our visit with Brother and Sister Killen. Brother Killen was a pioneer in the work in the Carolinas, and told us many interesting experiences of his when the work was new here.

Sunday night we met with the Second Winston-Salem church. The church was well filled. I found them only a few dollars short of their Harvest Ingathering goal, but they hope to finish this week.

At all of these places we found our people determined to be faithful to God in tithes and offerings, that they may do all within their power to assist in the finishing of this work, and hear the "Well done"

said to them at the coming of our Lord and Saviour.

C. L. Butterfield.

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### CAROLINA NOTES

The Charlotte church reached its goal on its Harvest Ingathering. At the beginning of October there was more than \$500 to be raised; but every member in the church got behind the load and pushed, and two days before the close of October the full goal of \$720 was reached. This does not mean, however, that this church will not work any more, for many plan to continue until they reach their individual goals. The young people in the church are due credit for raising over \$300. A picnic was promised them when the goal was reached, and this will be held next Monday.

The Willmington church reached its goal some days ago according to a telegram from Elder All, and four colored churches have reached their goals.—Darlington, Orangeburg, Charleston and Florence. We expect to hear within the next few days that several others, including Wilmington No. 2 and Charlotte, No. 2 are also through.

Miss Holmes reports that Glen Alpine Juniors have reached their goal of \$35. The Charlotte Juniors also reached their goal of \$225. Other societies are following close behind, and next week we hope to have a long list of societies that have reached their goals.

The conference has distributed to the churches 8,000 copies of the Special Prohibition number of the *Signs*. We are also arranging to send 10,000 copies of Elder Gilbert's little tract, "Why Jesus Must Return Again," to our churches. Here are two wonderful papers to be put into the hands of our friends and neighbors. Let each one do his part.

After a short program last Sabbath afternoon, the young people's society of the Charlotte church went out and visited over 400 homes, leaving a copy of the Prohibition Signs in each home.

Miss Mooney spent several days last week with the Greenville church, assisting them in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. This church is of good courage, and will no doubt have reached its goal soon.

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### SOLICITING IN THE CEMETERY.

An interesting Harvest Ingathering experience was reported by one of our sisters to a conference worker, and we pass it along to you because it illustrates the results of perseverance. Two sisters in a certain church were anxious to get a donation from the sheriff. They visited his office many times, but never found him in. Finally, it being the day before election, and fearing that if he were not re-elected he would not be in a mood to give, they decided to sit in his office until he came in. They went down early in the morning, and after waiting about two hours a worker in the sheriff's office told them that he had gone to a funeral, and that they could find him at the cemetery at 11 o'clock. They drove over to the cemetery, reaching there the same time as the funeral. The sheriff happened to be a pallbearer, but this did not daunt our two sisters. At the conclusion of the services they sought him out, canvassed him, and received his donation. He said he was happy to give to such a worthy cause. The next day he was defeated. While it may seem amusing, perhaps, to us to think of these sisters following the man to the cemetery for his offering, they were but seizing opportunity by the forelock, for if they had waited a day longer they probably would not have received his donation. The Bible says there is a time for everything, and this no doubt was the time for reaching this man.

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"The presence of the same Guide in educational work today will produce the same results as of old. This is the end to which true education tends; this is the work that God designs it to accomplish."

## CUMBERLAND

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### COMPLETING THE HARVEST INGATHERING

First Chattanooga church reports that they have reached their goal in Harvest Ingathering. Fletcher has reached their goal. Knoxville No. 1 and No. 2, and Asheville No. 1 are all within a short distance of their goals, and expect to reach them soon. We have made excellent progress in this campaign so far, and now if those who have not reached their goals only put forth a real effort to finish up, we can soon reach the conference goal.

Why not finish by November 10? Let's call week ending November 10 "Over the Top Week," and see if we can all be through by that time. I sincerely exhort every member, particularly those who have not reached their goals, to strive to finish up by November 10.

R. I. Keate.

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### AN HONEST TITHE

"For none of us liveth to himself." The truthfulness of this inspired sentence was brought very vividly to my mind lately during a visit with one of our members who embraced this message two years ago. We were talking about paying an honest tithe. "The brother told me how, when he first accepted this message, he enjoyed paying what he was taught was an honest tithe. The Lord blessed him spiritually and materially, so that within a short period of time he had saved up \$100, more than he had ever saved before. "But," he said, "Brother ——— visited me about 10 months ago. We talked about rendering to God his own, and he told me that I had a right to deduct all auto expenses from my income before I tithe my money; and I want to tell, you Brother Westermeyer, that when I did that I had more auto expenses than income. But I have decided to return

to my former way of giving an honest tithe; and since I do not deduct gas, oil, tires, etc., I again am getting ahead."

May God help the readers of these lines and especially those who are old in the message to "lift up the hands that hang down, and strengthen the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way."

W. H. Westermeyer.

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### CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF MISSION

#### FUNDS PER CAPITA, NINE

Months Ending Sept. 30, 1927

Church	Per cap. 1928	Per cap. 1927
Copper Ridge	.91	.88
Bristol	.90	.47
Greeneville	.66	.55
Johnson City	.66	.25
Lenoir City	.56	.35
Knoxville	.47	.64
Harriman	.47	
Chattanooga	.44	.34
Asheville	.40	.46
Hendersonville	.39	.33
East Ridge	.38	.42
Athens	.37	.47
Graysville	.37	.32
Dayton	.34	
Collegedale	.30	.26
Conference	.29	.18
Daisy	.26	.22
Etowah	.26	.17
Morristown	.24	.21
Fletcher	.18	.15
Pisgah	.17	.16
Wolf Creek	.16	.15
Brayton	.14	.15
Banners Elk	.11	.27
Cleveland	.10	.25
Valle Crucis	.07	.07
Average	.34	.31
Colored		
Asheville	.50	.32
Knoxville	.36	.26
Conference	.27	
Chattanooga	.25	.21
Average	.34	.25

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### ATTENTION JUNIOR AND CHILDREN'S WORKERS

In a letter to President Coolidge, Mr. Herbert Hoover made the following statement about cigarettes:

"There is no agency in the world that is so seriously affecting the health, efficiency, education, and character of boys and girls as the cigarette habit."

Every now and then the lure of the cigarette presents itself to our own S. D. A. boys and girls. A duty which parents and young people's workers owe to our youth is to faithfully instruct the children and youth concerning its terrible results.

For your information, as one concerned over our boys and girls, read the "Junior No-Tobacco Annual" of *Our Little Friend*, and urge upon the juniors the importance of circulating it freely. Notice how inexpensive the paper is:

1000,	\$15.00
500,	10.00
250,	5.00
100,	2.00
50,	1.00

Why let a few dollars stand between you and the safety of the children in your neighborhood?

H. W. Barto.

### CUMBERLAND NOTES

#### Wedding Bells

Edward Banks and Letah Scott were united in marriage at the home of Elder F. C. Webster, Friday evening, October 27, 1928. Mrs. Banks is a graduate of the Washington Training School for nurses, and has acted as supervisor of nurses at the Pisgah Sanitarium. Mr. Banks is a graduate of Pisgah Industrial Institute, and is now in charge of the newly organized church in Harriman, Tennessee, and also teaches the school there this year.

Our best wishes go with these young people as they join their efforts with the army of workers who are speeding on the closing message of God to mankind.

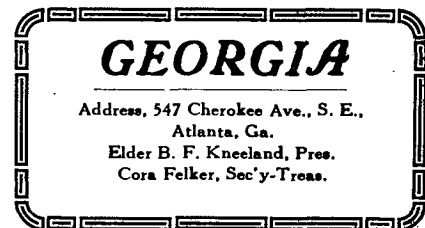
First Knoxville church will reach its Harvest Ingathering goal this week, which will mean the largest amount ever gathered by this church in such a short period of time. During this same period the church has raised more than four thousand dollars on its church

building, which is in the process of erection. We hope to have the building completed and paid for by the first of the year.

If you desire to labor more efficiently to win souls, study the following counsel from the spirit of prophecy: "Ministry of Healing;" "Steps to Christ" (chapter entitled "The Work and the Life"); "Testimonies," Vol. 6, pp. 421-439; Vol. 7, pp. 9-36; Vol. 9, pp. 9-48.

Brother J. L. Martin and Brother R. L. Ryles have been following up their work of the summer at Hendersonville. They now have a Sabbath school organized, and we hope that we will yet be able to organize a church at that place. Brother Martin also mentions the baptism of three into the Chattanooga church, who have not been reported before in Field Tidings.

Brother Wilbur, of Turtletown, Tennessee, incloses \$10 for Harvest Ingathering in a letter, and also reports that there are eleven Sabkeepers at that place.



### THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING

Some years ago, at a time of great crisis in our mission work, when it seemed that we must call a halt in our mission program on account of a lack of funds, there was born the idea of a Week of Sacrifice, in which our people would unite in a special sacrifice of their earnings; that we might keep our work going along the mission front, and not have to sound a note of retreat. God most wonderfully blessed our people as they responded to this appeal, and through the sacrificial giving of both workers and laymen our work has continued to advance, and we have never had to sound a retreat, and ask our missionaries to abandon the field for lack of funds. This is

indeed an evidence of both the faith and loyalty of our people, and also an evidence of God's blessing upon His people.

We have great cause to rejoice in the fact that each year has seen a step in advance. In spite of wars, financial disasters, and the devil's fiercest attacks, our work has gone forward, adding an average of one new language area every twenty two days, during the last six years. But unnumbered evidences point out the fact that we are far behind God's providences, and that we must move much faster or we shall be left behind, and be found unprepared when the fierce storms of persecution burst upon us. The recent Florida hurricane gives us a little idea of the terrific spiritual storm center in which we shall soon find ourselves, when the work we fail to do in times of prosperity we shall have to do under most unfavorable circumstances.

We must quicken our pace and move much faster if we finish our work in the short space of probation still left to us. This means not only that we must seek for more of God's spirit in our hearts, but there must come through His influence a far greater intensity of purpose, and a broader and more far-reaching sense of our obligations in service than we have had in the past.

Let us this year make our special offering that comes at the Thanksgiving season a real sacrifice, but at the same time make it a Thanksgiving. That is, let us make this offering a real expression of our thanks that God has spared our lives, given us blessings of home, health, and happiness, and above all has saved us from those terrible deceptions of Satan which have dragged so many down to perdition, and cut them off from eternal life. As we contemplate these evidences of God's wonderful love, I believe there will be kindled in our hearts such a spirit of gratitude that our gifts to God's cause at this time will seem more like privileges than like sacrifices.

Our workers are planning to make this a real testimony of love by giving their entire wage for the Thanksgiving week, November

25 to December 1, as a special thank offering; and we invite the wage earners and people of means among us to join in this praise offering. I am sure all our people will gladly respond to this appeal, and make this the greatest and truest thank offering ever given in the Georgia Conference.

The General Conference has asked us for a gift at this time which amounts to an average of \$1.50 per member. I trust that each church will make special efforts not to fall below this amount for the whole church. Our students in our colleges have set a goal of \$1 each, academy students 50 cents each, and church school pupils 25 cents each. Surely if the students can set and reach such goals, we who are wage earners, who have available means, should not fail to reach the full average of \$1.50 per member.

We have just a month to prepare for this offering. It is not intended that this should in any way diminish our Sabbath school and other offerings, but should be in addition to them. Laying aside something each week from now until December 1, the time the offering is to be taken, will help provide the funds each one needs to make this offering a success. B. F. Kneeland.

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### GEORGIA NEWS NOTES

The following experience is related for the encouragement of those who belong to the bands that sing for Harvest Ingathering funds:

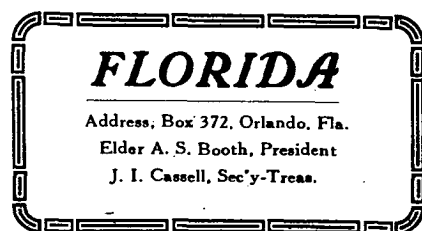
A solicitor from one of the Atlanta bands last week knocked at the door of a home, and a very pleasant lady came to the door. She greatly enjoyed the singing, but explained that she did not have any money in the house. She enquired to what denomination they belonged, and learned that they were Seventh-day Adventists. However, it was actually true that she did not have any money in the house. She was acquainted with only one Seventh-day Adventist, whom she had met in a business way; so the next day she took a donation up to his office, and requested him to give it to the band that worked her section of town the night before.

Elder Kneeland and Brother Mulholland are touring southern Georgia in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering work.

From a letter recently received from Brother J. O. Fenner, of Tifton, we quote the following:

"An item of special interest to us is that the young people's class worked about one hour on the streets of Tifton last night, and received \$13.67. This was their first experience, and they were much encouraged. They plan to work other near-by towns as well."

This experience is especially encouraging, since we know that almost the entire company in Tifton are new Sabbath keepers.



### ANNUAL REPORT OF A. S. BOOTH, PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

To the Delegates and Friends assembled at the thirty-fifth Annual Conference and Camp Meeting held at the Orlando Fair Ground, October 18 to 28, 1928, Greetings.

Our hearts go out in thankfulness that our lives have been spared, and that we are permitted to attend this annual convention. The old world is truly groaning under the curse of sin. Since we met one year ago, "destruction upon destruction" has been in the land. Wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes and dreadful storms have followed one another in quick succession. Thousands upon thousands have lost their lives, and billions upon billions of property damage has occurred in various parts of the earth.

Florida has not escaped. The West Indian hurricane which recently visited the east coast and certain parts of the center of the State, resulted in many losing their lives, and much property damage. Surely Bible prophecy is being

## COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN UNION

COLPORTEUR	Book	Mag.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Mag.	Value	Helps	Total	Del
<b>CAROLINA, WEEK ENDING OCT. 27. A. E. Deyo, Field Secretary</b>										
W. E. Adams	RJ	W	65						218.85	
James Carter	RJ	W							224.75	
L. F. Cunningham	BR								553.75	
J. E. Gracey	RJ	W	41	4	14.00	3	3.00	18.75	35.75	7.00
Mr. J. E. Gracey	BF	W	35	6	18.00	5	5.00	18.25	41.25	2.50
Benjamin Gray	RJ	W							285.75	
Frank Humphries	RJ		40	2	8.00				8.00	
Wm. Kirkham	RJ								41.75	
Walter Kirkham	RJ								328.00	
G. W. Kimberlin	DR	W	60						295.50	
J. A. Livingston	RJ		11	4	12.00			1.25	13.25	14.75
N. R. Pond	Helps		8					12.80	12.80	12.80
W. H. White	OD	W	67	15	69.50	4	4.00		73.50	35.50
W. B. Wynn	OD	W	45						351.10	
E. B. Whittier	RJ		34	15	46.00			2.50	48.50	19.25

Totals 395 46 167.50 12 12.00 53.55 233.05 2391.25

<b>CUMBERLAND, WEEK ENDING OCT. 27. J. Hickman, Field Secretary</b>										
R. L. Underwood	GC	W	45						78.75	
L. F. Pierce	RJ		43	14	42.00			4.00	46.00	72.00
C. F. Dart	GC		34	1	3.00				3.00	168.50
Hickman & Lytle	HW		79	18	72.00			356.00	437.00	312.00
Mrs. J. M. Griggs	RJ	PT	17	6	18.00	2	.50	2.50	21.00	9.00
S. Alexander	RJ		46	16	49.00			9.50	58.50	3.00
Miscellaneous										30.25

Totals 264 55 184.00 2 .50 381.00 565.50 673.50

<b>GEORGIA, WEEK ENDING OCT. 27. A. Priest, Field Secretary</b>										
W. M. Kellogg	RJ-GC	LH	27	2	6.00	2	1.50		7.50	9.75
Thos. B. Seward	RJ		43	3	9.00			19.75	28.75	
M. F. Pirkle	RJ		38							357.45
<i>Colored</i>										
W. H. King	OD		56	10	38.50				38.50	

Totals 164 15 53.50 2 1.50 19.75 74.75 367.20  
 Union Grand Totals 823 116 405.00 16 14.00 454.30 873.30 3431.95

fulfilled that speaks of last day conditions, and we shall soon see the consummation of all things realized in the second coming of Christ to receive His saints.

In view of the serious times in which we live, we trust that our meeting will be abundantly blessed of God, that all may be revived and encouraged in the Christian way. We ask that you fervently pray that those who have part in the convention will be especially directed of God, that this meeting may be the best we have held in the Florida Conference.

#### Constituency

The year 1926 closed with a membership of 2546 for the conference, 2036 for the white and 510

for the colored. One year later, at the close of 1927, we had a membership of 2972;—2268 for the white and 704 for the colored. Reports from our church clerks show that for the first nine months of this year 35 have been added by the white department and 20 by our colored, which brings our total membership up to the close of September this year, 3029, of whom 2305 are white and 724 colored.

The constituency of the Florida Conference is considerably affected each year by persons coming and others leaving the State. To illustrate: In 1924 the net increase in membership from the transfer of persons by letter was only 3;

in 1925 the increase amounted to 111; 1926 was the peak year, when there was an increase of 172 members; the past year, 1927, the net increase was only 29. So far this year we have registered a loss of 20 members.

#### Workers

There have been a few changes in connection with our laboring force since last year. Brother A. E. Deyo, on account of the health of his daughter, accepted a call to the Carolina Conference, and Brother Fred Meister was secured in his place. Elder J. Bellinger was also secured from the Carolina Conference, and is now pastor of the First Jacksonville church. Miss A. Martin has recently been added to our list, and is acting as Sabbath school assistant secretary. Elder John Thomas, one of our colored evangelists, has accepted a call to the union, and is now at Macon, Ga., holding a successful tent effort. Aside from these changes the personnel of our workers is the same.

#### Church Buildings

We have now twenty-nine white and eleven colored church buildings in the conference. The Ocala church was built this summer. During the hurricane the Ritta church building was carried away and completely demolished. The First St. Petersburg church has built a temporary tabernacle for church service.

#### Church Organizations

Two new churches have been organized this summer, one at Bunnell and the other at Okeechobee. This makes thirty-five white and thirteen colored organizations in the Florida Conference, with sufficient companies to make as many as sixty places in the State where Sabbath keepers meet on Sabbath day.

#### Conference Tithe

We are glad to report that for the first months of this year the tithe has slightly increased for the white department over the corresponding months last year. The colored tithe for the corresponding period has dropped. For both departments we are ahead of last year. For nine months last year the white tithe was \$64,447.10, and for the same period this year \$65,935.48, which is a gain of \$1,488.38. The last year's colored

tithe for nine months was \$10,310.15, and for the same time this year \$9,673.31, which is a loss of \$636.84, making the net gain of tithe this year over nine months of last year, \$851.54.

When we think of the great financial reverses that have come to the State, and that the tithe of 1927 was \$36,601.33 less than 1926, and \$46,327.17 less than 1925, we are very thankful that we apparently have come to the turn of the road. Since we have begun to increase our tithe over last year, we trust that all of our people will be faithful, that we may be able to send out the good word at the end of the year that the tithe, for the year has increased over last year.

*(To be continued)*

## Southern Junior College

H. J. Klooster, President  
OLTEWAH, TENNESSEE  
A SCHOOL OF STANDARDS

### COLLEGEDALE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fields, with their little daughter, spent a recent week-end at Collegedale, to visit their daughter Marjorie, one of our students. With them were Miss Geraldine Davis and Miss Elizabeth Buhalts. Such a visit from some of the home folks is greatly enjoyed by our students.

Brother W. A. Harvey, Mrs. Harvey, their daughter Roberta and their son Roland, were recent visitors at Collegedale. With them was Mr. Clarence Stagg, whose brother Lee is attending our school this year.

Brother Walter Jones, from Orlando, Florida, was at Collegedale recently, in connection with some printing he is having done by the College Press.

Elder and Mrs. Heckman and Miss Nellah Smith paid a brief visit to our school last week Wednesday. Elder Heckman's deep interest in S. J. C. and its progress

is the occasion of quite frequent visits from him.

Brother C. E. Smith, one of our Cumberland Conference workers, was with us at the chapel hour last Thursday. He was out in the Harvest Ingathering work in this part of the conference.

Early last week Professor Klooster and Elder Behrens returned to Collegedale from the Florida camp meeting. They reported a very profitable meeting, and conveyed to many of our students the expressions of affection and good will from relatives and friends in the land of sunshine and flowers.

The last of the season's corn crop was shredded and put under cover some days ago, and so is safe from the fall rains. And ever since the fields were cleared, the tractor has been busy early and late, pulling the plow to turn the soil for the next crop. Not enough rain has yet fallen to interfere with this part of the farm work.

At the chapel hour the plan is being followed of having the different teachers take their turn in presenting topics of interest to the students. One morning last week Mrs. Behrens gave a talk on "The value and use of books." In the course of her remarks she spoke of our own library, and the rules governing the use of library books. Many helpful suggestions were made that should enable students to make the most of our library, by securing aid from these books in the preparation of their lessons.

A Ladies' Chorus has been organized under the direction of Mrs. Haussler. All four parts are represented, there being some four or five voices on each part. The Chorus meets twice a week at the hour just before supper. So here is another prospect for some good music later on.

The Boy's Band is now quite well organized, and is meeting twice a week under the direction of Professor Woods. At present there are just under twenty members,

and it is expected that this number will be somewhat increased later. The Band meets on alternate days with those for Orchestra practice, and quite a number of our musicians belong to both organizations.

Professor Haussler has recently secured some new choir books for the use of the Choir. The special music thus afforded will add much to our Sabbath services. The Choir is taking a real interest in their work, and their efforts are being appreciated by our Sabbath congregation.

A unique program was given at the young people's meeting, Sabbath afternoon, Oct. 27. After the usual opening exercises, the leader, Mr. Clifford Bee, called on a number of our student colporteurs, who responded by relating some of their most interesting experiences of the past summer. Those who took part in this part of the program were L. H. Byers, Lawrence Hewitt, LaVerne Smith, Thomas Hall, Vesta Webster, and Bobbie Hickman. The musical part of the program was much enlivened by the playing of some half dozen of our students on their various instruments.

Last week Wednesday evening the students in grades five to eight gave a pleasant surprise to their teachers, Miss Rittenhouse and Miss Nickel. Preparations were made at Miss Maxwell's rooms in the Big House. At the appointed time a short program was rendered, followed by refreshments provided by the girls; and the ceremonies closed with the presentation of a basket of fruit to the teachers, this fruit being furnished by the boys. All then repaired to the home of Carl Thompson, one of their number, who is confined at home while recovering from a recent injury. They brought him some of the goodies from the evening's spread, and incidentally cheered him in his loneliness. All of which was a fine way to spend Halloween; don't you think?

One morning last week Professor Klooster called for a meeting of all prospective graduates for the pre-



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sent school year, and fifty-one responded. This is five more than the largest class ever graduated from the institution; and the indications are that several more may also be ready to finish a course by next spring. Watch S. J. C. grow.

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### UNION NEWS NOTES

Elder Heckman has just returned from the Florida camp meeting. He brings the cheering report that a goodly number were present at the meeting, in spite of the recent storm which swept over a portion of the State. Elder G. W. Wells and Prof. J. C. Thompson, of the General Conference, were in attendance and gave valuable assistance.

Last Sabbath, Elder Heckman spoke at the Second Chattanooga church, and gave them a boost in Harvest Ingathering work.

Professor and Mrs. Isaac are spending a week in Florida, following the camp meeting. He is busy looking after some of the schools in the conference.

The First Chattanooga church reported "over the top" in the Harvest Ingathering campaign last Sabbath. The members have work-

ed faithfully to reach the goal and push this campaign through to a successful conclusion in only eight weeks' time.

Brother Klaser is remaining in Florida for a while, looking after some business matters at Forest Lake Academy.

Brother Klose is expected to return soon. At present he is assisting with the Harvest Ingathering work in the Florida Conference.

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### SUCCESSFUL COLPORTAGE

At a recent camp meeting the field secretary reported, "We have people at this meeting who have been won by the *Watchman* combination plan colporteurs during 1928."

In another conference a bookman said, "I sold 'Christ's Object Lessons' and a year's subscription to the *Watchman Magazine* to a family, and they are now ready for baptism."

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## OBITUARY

**Manuel**—Mrs. Carrie P. Manuel, the wife of John Manuel, of Copper Ridge, Tennessee, fell asleep in Jesus Friday morning, October 5. Sister Manuel had been declining in health for some time, and following camp meeting she was taken to the hospital. She seemed to be improving. Her husband had just visited her the day before; she talked encouragingly to him, and all thought that she was on the road to recovery. She just lay down saying that she was tired, and passed quietly away. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the church at Copper Ridge, and and Sister Manuel was laid to rest in the churchyard to await the coming of the great Life-giver. Her husband and one child are left to mourn. R. I. Keate.

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**King**—Mrs. Mercedes Perdomo King was born in Key West, Florida, April 5, 1888. Died August 18, 1928. She was married in 1915, to Prof. Jos. O. King. In her early life she was converted and joined the Baptist church, and was faithful until she and her husband embraced the Seventh-day Adventist faith, under the preaching of Elder Geo. E. Peters, in the city of Tampa, Fla. She possessed a real, deep Christian experience in the message of truth from the time she received it until she fell asleep in the blessed hope. She leaves to mourn, but not without hope, husband, brother, relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

J. F. Crichtlow.