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A CALL TO THE WORK IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: At some time, in some way, the present truth reached our homes and communities. With many of us, the minister had at least a part in carrying the truth to us.

I am sure we *all desire* to love our neighbor as ourselves. We want others to hear the same precious message that has caused our hearts to rejoice. The minister who carries this message is supported by what we term the tithing system, and much depends upon our faithfulness in carrying out this heaven-ordained plan. I truly believe if *every* Sabbath-keeper in the state were faithful in paying tithes, one more minister could be supported in this field. This added laborer we are needing very much to fill the calls coming to us for meetings. It stirs my soul to hear these calls and be obliged to answer. We have no one to send just now. Every worker is busy.

The Lord has said, "There shall be delay no longer." This means a sudden awaking on the part of *all* God's commandment-keeping people. Let us each one see to it that we are in this awaking. "Fear God, and give glory to him;" "come out of her, my people;" "arise, shine, for thy light is come;" "call a solemn assembly;" "go ye into *all* the world;" for "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in *all the world* for a witness unto all nations; and *then* shall the end come." These are some of the statements which show that a mighty work is to be done in the earth.

I call upon every soul possessing present truth in South Carolina to do his whole duty this year. We need the co-operation and help of every one. Let us be faithful in *visiting our neighbors*, in speaking of the truth, in scattering the precious printed page, in using our talent of voice and pen, of money and property, dedicating our all to the finishing of this glorious work. If we do not place *all* upon the altar, Satan will take advantage of us on the unsundered ground. Let us give him no advantage. We need all the vantage-ground there is for us. As we all lift together, we expect victories for the truth. Prayer, faith, meekness, and courage, are needed in this last end of the great contro-

versy. The conflict is becoming more and more fierce as we near the end. Let all our people remember our laborers at the throne of grace.

R. T. NASH.

THE JOY OF GIVING

TRULY it is more blessed to give than to receive. No doubt all have read that remarkable scripture which illustrates the blessedness of giving: "Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly unto the Lord; and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. . . . But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." 1 Chron. 29:9, 14.

At the time when the \$100,000 fund was being raised, the writer remembers several occasions, after a public appeal at the camp-meetings had been given, that persons would come to him with tears of joy in their eyes, and would express thanks. The writer would say, "Why should you be thankful to me? I have just been calling for and receiving gifts from you for the work in Washington. Should not I rather be grateful to you?" "Oh!" the answer would be, "I am so thankful for a chance to give to this advance movement." Truly there is joy in giving to the Lord's work. It is the only safe investment and will bring everlasting reward. It is the best kind of bank account.

Now, dear brethren and sisters, the \$150,000 fund has been before us for some time. Shall we not joyfully and cheerfully close it up soon, and, as in the previous fund, bring in an overflow?

J. S. WASHBURN.

THE WORK IN FLORIDA

IN accordance with the advice of the Florida Conference Committee, I came to Bartow December 22, to hold a series of meetings. There has never been an effort made here for the colored people, and it being Christmas time, it was very hard to get hearers. The meetings began on Sunday night, December 22, and continued one week with scarcely any attendance. Nevertheless, I kept good courage, and

pressed forward. For a week after the Christmas holidays, the attendance was very good. Since the close of the meetings, January 12, the good work has continued from house to house. We are entering new homes night and day, and the Lord is working upon the hearts of the people. There is a little company of three believers here, and we greatly desire to see more in this place stand for the truth of God.

O how much I see the need of living this truth day by day; for truly we are in that time when "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." 2 Tim. 3:13. The Lord says, "The leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed. Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows; for every one is a hypocrite and an evil-doer, and every mouth speaketh folly." Isa. 9:16, 17. I am glad I have the light of God's word. Let us be living epistles, known and read of all men.

My brother, C. G. Manns, is with me. We are also doing a little canvassing. Brethren, pray for us, that we may not only talk the truth, but also live it, and be ready to meet Jesus when he comes.

I also visited Plant City. Our school here, taught by Sisters L. Mumford and E. L. Sauks, is very encouraging. I was glad to see one more join this little company, and we hope soon to have a church here.

Our work in Tampa is progressing nicely. We still hold our meetings in the C. M. E. church. At this place we need a church-school teacher. Will be glad to know if one could come soon.

I stopped over Sabbath, December 21, at Lakeland. Our church building is almost finished, and for this we thank the Lord. The little company is faithful. Here we need a teacher.

On Sabbath, January 4, I visited the Orlando church. Elder R. W. Parmele was also present, and conducted the quarterly meeting. At this meeting the church elected its officers for the year.

I ask the prayers of the readers of this article for the success of the work in this needy conference.

J. W. MANNS.

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEASTERN UNION CONFERENCE

The delegates from the conferences of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Cumberland met at 11:30 A. M., Jan. 12, 1908, for the purpose of effecting a temporary organization. On motion Elder A. G. Daniells was chosen chairman and M. B. Van Kirk secretary of the temporary organization.

Upon call by the chair, the following delegates responded: North Carolina: T. H. Jeys, T. J. Woodall, W. L. Killen, H. G. Miller, D. F. Shireman, Celia McDonald (added by vote); South Carolina: R. T. Nash, W. H. Armstrong, W. C. Rahn, C. F. Dart, E. C. Champlin; Georgia: G. W. Wells, Rochelle Philmon, A. L. Manous, W. H. Sebastian; Florida: R. W. Parmele, Dr. Parmele, L. T. Crisler, Mrs. L. T. Crisler, Sister Butler (added by vote); Cumberland Conference: J. F. Pogue, A. F. Harrison, M. E. Emmerson, E. L. Sanford, R. A. Lovell, G. H. Baber, R. L. Williams, S. M. Jacobs, C. H. Moyers, W. W. Williams, Cyrus Simmons, Sam Reeder, J. F. Brice; Delegates at large: R. M. Kilgore, J. E. Tenney, Smith Sharp, L. A. Hansen, Dr. Martinson, Dr. Godsmark, Mrs. Mettie Lenker, Elder G. I. Butler, M. B. VanKirk.

Attention was called to the necessity of providing for the standing committees necessary to arrange the items of business to come before the conference.

By a unanimous vote the Committee on Plans already appointed was made the Committee on Plans for the proposed conference; also the Committee on Distribution of Labor. It was voted that new committees be appointed on Finance and Credentials.

A motion prevailed that a committee of nine persons be selected from the floor, who should nominate the standing committees for the conference. The committee, as elected by vote of the delegates, consisted of the following persons: A. F. Harrison, W. W. Williams, L. T. Crisler, T. H. Jeys, A. L. Manous, T. L. Woodall, L. A. Hansen, C. F. Dart, R. T. Nash.

At the suggestion of Elder Daniells the matter of choosing a name for the proposed union conference was considered. Nearly a dozen names were suggested, after the consideration of which, by vote, the name "Southeastern Union Conference" was chosen.

Upon the suggestion of Elder Jeys that the North Carolina Conference was entitled to an additional delegate, it was voted to add the name of Sister Celia McDonald to the list of delegates from North Carolina. Likewise upon motion of Elder Parmele and voted by the convention, the name of Sister Butler was added to the Florida delegation, and Sister Butler was seated as a delegate.

Meeting adjourned.

SECOND MEETING

The second meeting of the Southeastern Union Conference was called by its chairman, Elder Daniells, at 12:35 P. M., Jan. 13. As the session had been continuous, the formalities of opening were dispensed with.

The committee to nominate the standing committees reported the following: Committee

on Nominations: L. A. Hansen (chairman), J. F. Pogue, T. H. Jeys, C. F. Dart, L. T. Crisler; On Constitution: Cyrus Simmons (chairman) J. E. Tenney, R. W. Parmele; Committee on Finance: W. W. Williams (chairman), S. M. Jacobs, C. H. Moyers, G. W. Wells, R. W. Parmele; Committee on Credentials and Licenses: R. M. Kilgore (chairman), R. T. Nash, G. H. Baber; to be added to Committee on Plans: A. F. Harrison, M. B. VanKirk.

It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted by considering each item separately. After some explanation by Elder Daniells, the question was called and the motion to adopt prevailed unanimously.

A motion made by L. A. Hansen and seconded by Elder Armstrong, that the Committee on Credentials and Licenses act jointly with the Committee of the Southern Union Conference, prevailed.

Meeting adjourned.

THIRD MEETING, 5:30 P. M., JAN. 13.

After the customary song, all joined with Elder Nash in earnest prayer that God might lead in the deliberations of the conference.

The following partial report was presented by the secretary of the Committee on Nominations: For President, K. C. Russell; for Vice-President, G. W. Wells.

Remarks relative to the qualifications of Elder Russell were made by Elder Daniells, followed by a number of others. Upon the second reading of the name of G. W. Wells, remarks were made by L. A. Hansen, giving reasons why Elder Wells was selected. Elder Wells then followed with a few fitting remarks. The question being called, the motion to adopt prevailed unanimously.

A vote that Elder K. C. Russell be immediately informed of his election, and invited to come to attend the remainder of this meeting was passed unanimously.

After the vote to adjourn was taken, but before the Chair declared the same, a request from Elder Wells was made that the conference join in prayer for his little daughter, who was reported dangerously ill. This prayer was participated in by Elder Daniells and a number of others, while the whole congregation lifted their hearts in harmony with the verbal prayers.

Meeting adjourned.

FOURTH MEETING, FRIDAY, JAN. 17, 2 P. M.

Elder K. C. Russell in the chair. All united with Elder G. W. Wells in earnest prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Elder Russell next made some fitting remarks regarding his acceptance of the position of President of the Southeastern Union Conference.

The Committee on Constitution rendered the following report:—

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS.

ARTICLE I. NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Southeastern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE 2. OBJECT.

The object of this conference shall be to

unify and extend the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ARTICLE 3. TERRITORY.

The territory of this conference shall include the Cumberland Conference, composed of the eastern half of the state of Tennessee, the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, with the exception of six counties in the extreme northwest of the last-named state.

ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1. This conference shall be composed of such local conferences of Seventh-day Adventists as are, or may be, properly organized in any part of its territory under the direction of the Executive Committee, such conferences having been accepted by a vote at a session of the conference.

Sec. 2. The voters of this conference shall be duly accredited delegates from the local conferences composing the union, and such members of the Executive Committees of the General Conference and the Southeastern Union Conference as may be present at any duly convened regular or special session of the conference.

Sec. 3. In addition to its President, each local conference shall be entitled to one delegate for every fifty church-members in the conference. Such delegates shall be appointed by the local conference or by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 5. OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The officers of this conference shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and an Executive Committee, composed of the President, Vice-President, the presidents of the local conferences in the union and such other members as the conference or Executive Committee may select.

Sec. 2. All officers and members of the Executive Committee, other than the presidents of the local conferences, shall be elected at the regular sessions of the Union Conference, and shall hold their offices for the term of two years, or until their successors are elected and enter upon their duties.

ARTICLE 6. SESSIONS.

Sec. 1. This conference shall hold its regular session biennially at such date and place as the Executive Committee shall designate by a notice published in at least two of our denominational papers at least three weeks before the date of the meeting.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee may call extra sessions if occasion requires, by a like notice, and the transactions of such sessions shall be equally valid with those of the regular sessions.

ARTICLE 7. TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, AND AGENTS.

This conference shall elect the boards of management of such institutions and enterprises as are or may be connected with, or operated by, this organization, according to the acts of incorporation and the by-laws governing the same, and this conference shall employ such committees, agents, ministers, missionaries, and employees as may be necessary for the prosecution of its work.

ARTICLE 8. BY-LAWS.

This conference may make by-laws, amend, or repeal them at any session, provided that if it be proposed to make, amend, or repeal by-laws at a special session, notice of such proposed acts shall be given in the call for such special session. The scope of such by-laws may include all subjects not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present at any session, provided that if it be proposed to amend the Constitution at a special session, notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in the call for such special session.

BY-LAWS.

Sec. 1. *President and Vice-President.*—The duties of the President and Vice-President shall be such as usually pertain to such offices.

Sec. 2. *Secretary.*—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the sessions of the conference and of the proceedings of the Executive Committee, and to conduct the general correspondence, and any other duties that may be outlined by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. *Treasurer.*—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the conference, to keep an account of the same, and to disburse them by order of the Executive Committee through its President, and to make a full report thereof at all sessions of the conference, and at such other times as may be required by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall also collect from the conferences in the district such financial and statistical reports as may be required by the Executive Committee and forward the same as may be directed.

Sec. 4. *Powers of the Executive Committee.*—The Executive Committee shall have full administrative power during the intervals between the sessions of the conference, and exercise a general watchcare over all matters pertaining to the work of the Southeastern Union Conference, and shall fill for the current term, any vacancies that may occur in its membership or in the boards or committees which are appointed or elected by the Southeastern Union Conference. It shall direct the movements of the employees of the conference, and settle their accounts for labor at regular intervals from the funds of the Southeastern Union Conference.

It was moved by Elder Parmele and seconded by Elder Armstrong that the report be adopted by considering each item separately. After the report had been carefully considered, the motion unanimously prevailed. It was next moved by Elder Pogue and seconded by L. A. Hansen that the Board of the Graysville school be increased to eleven members. Motion prevailed.

The report from the Committee on Nomination was next called for. A partial report was rendered through the secretary, Elder Jeys, as follows: For Secretary and Treasurer, R. T. Dowsett; Religious Liberty Secretary, K. C. Russell; Secretary of Medical Department, L. A. Hansen; Educational Secretary,

M. B. Van Kirk; Missionary Secretary, Mrs. R. T. Dowsett; Secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. Mettie Lenker; Canvassing Agent, V. O. Cole.

Southern Training School Board: M. B. Van Kirk (secretary of board), C. H. Moyers, G. A. Irwin (president of board), G. A. Williams, A. F. Harrison, J. F. Pogue, Dr. Heatherington, L. A. Hansen, A. J. Haysmer, K. C. Russell, C. P. Bollman.

Southern Training School Legal Board: K. C. Russell, C. H. Moyers, L. A. Hansen, J. F. Pogue, M. B. Van Kirk, Dr. Heatherington, G. A. Williams.

Graysville Sanitarium Board: L. A. Hansen, Dr. Heatherington, M. B. Van Kirk, C. H. Moyers, K. C. Russell, R. L. Williams, H. S. Miller. Legal Body same as above.

Atlanta Sanitarium Board: K. C. Russell, G. W. Wells, S. S. Maxwell, M. L. Woodall, A. L. Manous, R. T. Dowsett, L. A. Hansen. Legal Body same as above.

Auditor, R. T. Dowsett; Transportation Agent, R. T. Dowsett.

Upon motion to adopt by considering each item separately, the secretary carefully read the report to the house.

When the names of Brother and Sister Dowsett were reached, Brother Dowsett arose to explain the conditions upon which he would accept, to be that of his release from the work in Wisconsin, and that they could not take up the work under two months in any case. Remarks were made by L. A. Hansen and Dr. Godsmark regarding the qualifications of Brother and Sister Dowsett. The same conditions were spoken of by V. O. Cole regarding his accepting the position of Union Conference Canvassing Agent. After several minor questions, the motion was unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

FIFTH MEETING, JAN. 20, 11 A. M.

Elder K. C. Russell in the chair. As the secretary was absent, W. L. Bird was chosen secretary *pro tem*.

The Nominating Committee presented a further partial report as follows: Executive Committee: President and Vice-President of the Union Conference, Presidents of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Cumberland Conferences, and L. A. Hansen, M. B. Van Kirk, V. O. Cole, and R. T. Dowsett. This report was unanimously adopted after considering each item separately.

Moved and seconded that the President and Secretary of the Southeastern Union arrange with the Secretary of the joint union to bring into the report all matters that pertain to the Southeastern Union Conference. Carried.

It was next moved by Elder Armstrong and seconded by Brother Reeder that the president of the Southeastern Union, the five conference presidents of the conferences composing the union, and one other person, be a sub-committee on plans to suggest some measures which especially concern the Southeastern Union. On motion, the name of V. O. Cole was added as the other member of the above sub-committee.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SIXTH MEETING, JAN. 21, 3:15 P. M.

Elder Russell in the chair. Prayer was of-

CANVASSING REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING JAN. 24, 1908.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
J A Caldwell...	BFL MISC	62	\$78 20	\$9 90
S G Sharp 1 wk...	BFL	41	18 15	8 90

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

T H Dobb 1 wk...	MISC	11		3 00
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GEORGIA CONFERENCE

M L Woodall 4 wks D&R	COL	54	14 75	10 50
Mrs M M Ward...	BFL	30	6 00	1 00
E C Rogers 3 wks...	CK BS	120	139 60	57 35
J C D Wolff...	CK BS	90	71 00	75 50
S G Dent 4 wks...	BFL	72	140 60	14 35
David A Fisher 4 wks	MISC	77	31 10	11 60
Mrs Tennie Manous 3 wks	D&R BFL	19	22 08	5 75

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Jas H Anderson 1 wk...	BFL GP	37	37 05	30 00
G S Rogers 1 wk...	D&R	24	9 50	6 25
C L Collison 1 wk BR	MISC	54	29 10	29 10
Wm Olmstead	BR	36	68 00	
E Booth 1 wk...	CK	12	4 00	4 00
A B Cheek 1 wk...	BR	28	28 00	
I T Reynolds 1 wk BR	CK	24		9 75

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Mattie S Reynolds...	D&R	40	36 75	50
H B Tilden 1 wk...	CK	16	25 65	1 65

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

D M Smith...	CK	47	40 70	74 70
Mrs E A Wing...	CK SOFP	27	20 50	6 00
H Martin	CK	87	56 50	53 05
Mrs H Martin	CK	3	7 00	8 00
J B Rise...	CK	49	12 75	6 25
Mrs H B Gallion...	CK	24	17 35	2 00
S H Swingle...	SOFP	30	47 25	8 60
F A Evans...	SOFP	47	61 75	7 75

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Mamie Moore	D&R	56	72 20	10 15
Mrs Alice Patton...	D&R	15	18 50	
Wm J Keele...	WATCH BS	75	37 80	42 35
R H Hazleton 1 wk	D&R	15	13 50	1 50
Chas Romines 1 wk	D&R	37	35 00	16 00

RECAPITULATION

Cumberland Conference..	103	96 35	18 80
Florida Conference.....	11		3 00
Georgia Conference.....	462	425 13	175 75
Louisiana Conference....	215	175 65	79 10
North Carolina Conf....	56	62 40	2 15
South Carolina Conf....	314	263 80	163 35
Tennessee River Conf...	198	177 00	70 00

Total 1,369 1,200 33 512 15

ferred by Elder Armstrong. Minutes of the fourth and fifth meetings read and approved.

The sub-committee on plans, through its secretary, Brother Wells, reported as follows:—

“Moved by Elder Pogue and seconded by Elder Jeys that the headquarters of the Southeastern Union Conference be Atlanta. Carried.

“The motion was made by Brother Nash and seconded, that for the present, the REPORT OF PROGRESS be the organ for the Southeastern Union Conference. Carried.

“Motion was made and seconded that we recommend the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Union Conference to take steps to form an Association if advisable.

“Moved and seconded that we pay half the expense of the principal of the Southern Training School. Carried.

“Moved and seconded that the Secretary and Treasurer of the Georgia Conference receive the funds of this union until the incoming Secretary appears.”

Upon motion each item was considered separately and unanimously carried. Voted that the Chair be a committee of one to confer with

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SOUTH CAROLINA, ATTENTION!

OUR conference secretary and treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Champlin, has come to this field to take up her duties. She is located at Campobello, S. C. All moneys, from this on, should be sent to her.

R. T. NASH.
Pres. S. C. Conf.

NOTICE TO CANVASSERS

LET all who are thinking of entering the canvassing work in Georgia remember to be at the canvassers' institute in Atlanta, February 26 to March 11.

We expect a goodly number to be present, but do not think that this will excuse you from attending; for we have room enough in both institute and conference to accommodate at least one hundred. So "come thou with us, and we will do thee good."

Notify Elder Geo. W. Wells, 77 Beecher Street, Atlanta, Ga., or the writer at 602 Capitol Ave., Atlanta.

ARTHUR L. MANOUS, *Field Agent.*

CANVASSING IN TAMPA, FLA

THERE have been no fewer than seventeen canvassers for periodicals and books in Tampa since the camp-meeting, and nearly all have succeeded in a remarkable manner.

At present there are four who are still selling periodicals and books here.

It is truly marvelous to see the success that the Lord gives them. The writer has encouraged many of these persons to sell the printed page, and O, how good it sounds to hear them report the success of their work. Since coming to this city, three have embraced the truth, through reading and through our efforts, for which we thank the Lord and give him all the praise and glory.

J. F. BAHLER.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS NOTES

THE Campobello church-school is preparing a temperance program for a closing exercise of the school term. Any one who has anything especially good on temperance would do us a favor to send any such clippings to Miss Mae Foote, Campobello, S. C.

Brother C. F. Dart has been called to Kentucky to take charge of the canvassing work in the new conference to be organized there. Brother Dart has done faithful work in this

state, and our prayers will follow him to his new field.

Our canvassers' institute to be held at Greenville, Feb. 6-20, will be a pleasant and profitable reunion for the canvassers in this state. Let all our brethren help a little on the expense. Our new conference secretary and treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Champlin, Campobello, S. C., will receive the money with any other conference funds.

The Spartanburg church is paid for, and the repair work has begun. We all rejoice with Spartanburg in this omen of progress.

From the way the tithe is beginning to come in, we see there is greater faithfulness in this respect. Let each one of us be faithful in returning to the Lord his own. How soon the work would be finished, if each one would be faithful in all things.

Sister McHugh is improving under her treatment at the Washington Sanitarium. We all hope she may soon be well.

Brother H. B. Gallion has been recommended to take Brother Dart's place as state agent in South Carolina. Let all pray and work for the continued success of the canvassing work in the state.

There are a number of companies of Sabbath-keepers in the state nearly ready for organization. Let the companies at the following places hasten the preparation for this event: Greenville, Battle Ground, Bear Creek, Cherokee, Sumter, Johnston, Aiken, Luray, and Columbia. Faithfulness on the part of each Sabbath-keeper at these points will hurry the time of organized service. Sometimes the delay of one person to make this preparation tends to delay the entire work at the place. Let each one remember this, and all set their houses in order for progress in the work.

Let me hear from you all.

R. T. NASH.

IT IS A MISSIONARY FUND

THE fact that it was decided that the mid-summer offering last year be devoted to the \$150,000 fund has called attention to the fact that that fund is a great missionary fund, and that in devoting that which is usually a missionary offering to the \$150,000 fund, the brethren of the General Conference are not illogical, nor are they going out of the way.

Institutions in different parts of the United States, Canada, Central and South America, and Europe, are receiving help from this fund. There are those who consider that institutions are not vital to our work, and that the only thing that we need to do is to send out our canvassers and our ministers. While it is true that by the foolishness of preaching, God saves many that believe, yet it is true that our institutions, when conducted on gospel plans, on the plans of the everlasting gospel of the third angel's message, are mighty preachers of the gospel.

Our institutions are centers of light. Those who are sick in soul and body come for help. To our schools those who need not only men-

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the Southern Union regarding the matter of payment of half of the principal's salary, also that of Professor Tenney while he takes up the work in the Special Course of the Training School.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SEVENTH MEETING, 4:30 P. M.

Elder Russell in the chair. All bowed their heads in silent prayer for a few minutes, at the close of which Elder Russell earnestly asked God to bless the meeting. The report of the Secretary for the previous meeting was read and accepted.

The Chairman called for report of the subcommittee on plans. The report was presented by the Secretary, and upon motion to consider each item separately, the following items were again read to the conference: Recommended that Brother Hansen be invited to go to Atlanta with Brother Wells and visit Dr. Curtis and endeavor to readjust the relationship between Dr. Curtis and the Union Conference over the matter of the control of the sanitarium.

Resolved, That we invite A. F. Harrison to attend the canvassers' institute of Georgia and South Carolina in Brother Cole's absence. We recommend that the Cumberland Conference be asked to donate one third of the tithes of the Graysville church to the Union Conference instead of one half as had been done heretofore. Question being called, this was unanimously carried. It was next voted that any five members of the Executive Committee, together with the President or Vice-President, constitute a quorum, the action of this quorum to be in harmony with that of the general policy of the whole committee.

In the matter of the Atlanta Association constituency it was voted that the quorum should consist of at least seven members. It was next voted that four dollars a week be paid toward Brother Hansen's salary. It was next voted that the Southeastern Union Conference officers arrange the amount of a budget to be asked for by the General Conference to help meet the expenses of wages, etc. By vote the conference adjourned.

K. C. RUSSELL, *Pres.*
M. B. VAN KIRK, *Sec.*

tal enlightenment, but spiritual enlightenment as well, come to be trained. There are many who have come into the truth through our educational and medical institutions, and we trust that all our brethren and sisters everywhere will realize that in building up these institutions on the right lines, and in harmony with our organized work, we are as truly preaching the gospel as when we send out our literature or our living ministers. So let us hasten forward this fund.

"Throw out the life-line across the dark wave."

J. S. WASHBURN.

"An ounce of performance is worth a pound of apology."