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UNION CONFERENCE NEWS

Charles O. Franz, *Secretary-Treasurer Southern Union Conference*

FOLLOWING the annual meeting of Southern Union Conference educational board at Collegedale, Monday, July 19, the union committees, white and colored, spent two intensive days studying the work of the Southern Union Conference. The major responsibility resting upon the group at this time was the selection of a president to fill the vacancy left by the death of Elder J. K. Jones, and the election of a field missionary secretary to carry on the work recently relinquished by Elder I. M. Evans when called to the presidency of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

We were happy to have with us Elder W. G. Turner, Vice-President of the General Conference, who served as chairman of the meeting; while the help of Elder H. M. Blunden, secretary of the Publishing Department, and Professor W. H. Teesdale of the Educational Department of the General Conference, was sincerely appreciated. Leaders from various institutions in this union, who were attending meetings of their respective boards, also met with us.

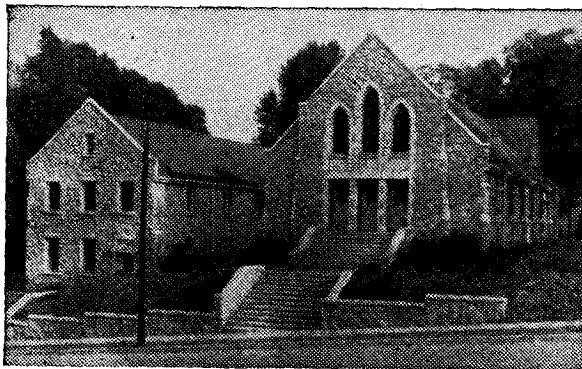
After careful study it was unanimously voted to call Elder Earl F. Hackman as president, and Elder B. E. Wagner as field missionary secretary of the union conference.

Elder Earl F. Hackman will be remembered by a large number of our membership as having spent a period of years in this field as home missionary secretary of the former Southeastern Union Conference, from which he was called to serve as associate home missionary secretary of the General Conference, in which capacity he came in touch with the world field in a very intimate way. From this responsibility he was called to the leadership of various conferences on the Pacific Coast, the present field which he has been serving being the Northern California Conference. We feel that Elder Hackman comes to us with a wide range of experience and an interest in this field which will assure

continued growth and development in the work in which each of us, as members of God's church on earth, is interested.

Elder B. E. Wagner is a bookman of wide experience, and also one who has spent many years in the southern field, as field missionary secretary in the Southwestern Union Conference. He is now coming to us from the Lake Union Conference.

We feel that both of these brethren have been secured for these important positions as the direct answer to the prayers of our people throughout the field; and that as we all join hands and hearts in the great task of finishing the work for these last days, we may expect God's richest blessing.



THE BEVERLY ROAD CHURCH

HISTORY OF THE ATLANTA BEVERLY ROAD CHURCH
Doctor J. Russell Mitchell

THE history of the Beverly Road Seventh-day Adventist Church begins with its organization in July, 1939, but the full story cannot be told without giving the facts of the founding of the First Church of S. D. A., for the new church we dedicate today is largely a part of the congregation of the old; and I pray God we may always be one congregation, worshipping in two churches between whom ties of love and fellowship shall ever grow stronger and stronger.

The work of Seventh-day Adventists
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ATLANTA BEVERLY ROAD CHURCH DEDICATION

I. M. Evans, *President Georgia-Cumberland Conference*

THE dedication of the beautiful Beverly Road Seventh-day Adventist Church was a heyday in Atlanta, Georgia, Sabbath July 3. The pastor, Elder C. R. Gibbs, had a well-prepared program arranged. The ladies of the church had spent much time and effort in making the House of Worship beautiful for the occasion. The pulpit was artistically decorated with flowers, as well as the Sabbath school rooms. The installation of a Kimble pipe organ had just been completed by Bradford Braley, of Boston, Massachusetts, and its use was dedicated to God's glory; at this time, also. Brother Braley's interpretation of the familiar hymns which he played as preludes both Friday night and Sabbath, gave added reverence to the services. The beautiful message in song, "Trusting in Thee," sung by Miss Dorothy Evans, was very appropriate. Elder J. K. Jones, our recent beloved president of the Southern Union Conference, presented his last message in the pulpit on Friday evening at the consecration service, just five

days preceding his untimely death. The theme of his message was "Living the Life." We may have beautiful churches erected for the purpose of glorifying God, but if our lives are not in accord with the principles for which they stand, the purpose of the structure is ineffective. It is living the life that counts with God. To this timely appeal the entire congregation rededicated itself to a new life of service as Elder C. B. Haynes asked God to accept the consecration.

Others having a part in the Friday evening service were Elder B. M. Preston, Elder S. M. Schleifer, former pastor of the Beverly Road Church, now laboring in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, and brethren A. Widmaier and B. F. Summerour.

The sanctuary was filled to its capacity Sabbath morning, and the adjoining Sabbath school room was used to care for the remaining visitors. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Joseph Hayward, sang softly, "Near to the Heart of God" as the ministers took their places on the rostrum. A little later the choir praised the Lord in song by singing the familiar anthem "Praise Ye the Lord." We were happy to have Mrs. Virginia Dortch, of Birmingham, with us, who very ably rendered the beautiful song, "Open the Gates of the Temple."

An interesting history of the beginning of our work in Atlanta, and its progress through the years was presented by Doctor J. Russell Mitchell, a portion of which is being published in this issue of the TIDINGS.

The dedicatory sermon was given by Elder Carlyle B. Haynes, of Washington, D. C., who labored in Atlanta as a pastor and had much to do with the development of the work in the Southland. His timely message left no doubt in anyone's mind as to the place and importance the church of God occupies on this earth in every phase of life.

The dedicatory prayer was offered by Elder J. K. Jones. Others having a part in this service were Dr. L. A. Semmens, pastor of the Atlanta First Church, Elder R. I. Keate, former president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, under whose administration the plans for this church were completed, Elder R. E. Crawford, Circulation Manager of the *Watchman* and *Message* magazines, Elder S. M. Schleifer, Elder C. R. Gibbs, Brother B. F. Summerour, and the writer.

Saturday evening Brother Bradford Braley fittingly climaxed the dedicatory exercises by rendering an organ concert. He was assisted by Miss Jane Summerour, violinist, and Mrs. Olive Batson, reader.

The Beverly Road Church was organized July 1, 1939 with a membership of 151. Since then it has shown a steady growth until today its membership is 270. The tithes and offerings to missions have also increased to about two and one-half times the first year's record. Their mission offerings for these four years total \$83,435.81, which is nearly half the amount of their tithe for the same period. We anticipate a continued growth in all lines of missionary activity for this church in the future.

We wish here to express our appreciation to the building committee for its vision and untiring efforts to make this beautiful edifice available as a place of worship. We also wish to express our appreciation to one and all who gave of their

means, little or much, that the house of the Lord might be finished, free of debt, and dedicated as the worship of our Creator and Redeemer at this time.

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ATTENTION

Ministers, Bible workers, teachers, church officers, and lay preachers. The new book "Facts of Faith" by Christian Edwardson is just what you have been looking for. Its twenty-nine chapters are a mine of historical facts and quotations from a wide field of ancient and modern writings, and European sources unavailable to ordinary students. Such topics as the unbroken line of Sabbath-keeping in all ages and countries, and the secret Romanizing of reference books—to name only two—are substantiated by evidence never before published in our denominational literature.

One of our ministers has said he wouldn't be without the book. Another said this book certainly helped him out of a tight place. Order at once from your Book and Bible House.

CAROLINA

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SABBATH SCHOOL AND HOME MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS

For the past few week ends Sabbath school and Home Missionary Conventions have been held in some of the larger churches in the Carolina Conference. During these conventions the Dorcas, Temperance, Sabbath school, Radio, Bible Readers' Circle, and Twentieth Century Bible Course work have been emphasized. Columbia, Asheville, Salisbury (white), and the Charlotte (colored) churches responded well to the various subjects presented, and there seems to be a real burden to labor for the salvation of souls among our laymen.

These conventions have been and are being held for the sole purpose of emphasizing these two statements found in the Spirit of prophecy.

"Counsels on Sabbath School Work," p. 115, "The Sabbath school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge

of the truth."

"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." "Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 117.

Realizing that time is short, we here in Carolina, feel that the moment truly has come for our forces to be organized to do a larger work, and certainly the times in which we are living demand greater efficiency and deeper consecration.

May the Lord hasten the day when these quotations will be carried out, and become a reality in our Carolina churches. Let every member pray to this end.

W. O. Reynolds

BIBLE READERS' CIRCLE

The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way here in Carolina as the literature work progresses. It is our earnest desire to see every dark county opened by the Bible Readers' Circle program. To date we are working in 21 counties; 4,007 homes are being visited with the three volumes of Bible Treasures that contain the complete message. We estimate that close to 200,000 people are being warned of the nearness of the end. Many of these souls are being enlightened, and definite decisions are being made. The time has truly come when God's people are laying \$100 on the altar where they lay \$1 before. It is a great inspiration to see how some of our dear people here in Carolina are taking whole counties to send the Bible Readers' Circle. Some of these projects amount to close to \$1,000 each. How thankful we should be that many are recognizing the meaning of the statement found in "Testimonies," Vol. 1, p. 197, "The work of God is to become more extensive, and if his people follow his counsel, there will not be much means in their possession to be consumed in the final conflagration. All will have laid up their treasure where moth and rust cannot corrupt; and the heart will not have a cord to bind it to the earth."

The following is a letter received from one of our correspondents:

"Burgaw, North Carolina

July 15, 1943

"Dear Bible Friend:

"I received your 'Bible Treasures Volume 3' yesterday, I thank you truly, and for your Bible course. I wish to continue studying until I have completed the whole course.

"I did not check for free copy of the 'Marked Bible,' and the reason is because I have one. A good friend and Christian

member of the Seventh-day Adventist church gave it to me eighteen years ago when I was but a little girl. I have taken care of it, too, and I remember this good man as a Christian friend. He always kept Saturday, which is the seventh day, as the Sabbath. I still remember how true he and his wife were to that commandment.

"Since reading Volume 3, I am convinced that Saturday is the right day. By the help of God I shall endeavor to keep the Sabbath strictly a day of worship unto my Lord from now and onward.

"Your Bible Reader Friend,
(Signed) "Mrs. Gilman Rowe."

TWENTIETH CENTURY BIBLE SCHOOL

Many interesting testimonies are coming in from all parts of the field. The time has come when we can say that thousands are taking the Bible Correspondence Course in Carolina! To date we have close to 2,500 enrollees, with many being added daily. Forty have manifested a desire to keep Sabbath, and have requested a Sabbath keeper to visit them. From these enrollees we have received something over \$300 in free-will offerings. Surely this program is ordained of God, and the Holy Spirit is working mightily on the hearts of lost men and women. Will you continue to pray for these soul-winning endeavors? The time is very near when thousands will be converted in a day and will trace their conversion to the reading of our publications.

Here is a quotation from a letter written by Brother W. L. Ellis, of Wilson, North Carolina, who contacted one of the Twentieth Century enrollees:

"W. W. Askew has been in the ministry about twenty years or more. He has been the pastor of several large churches, and is now the pastor of the Farmville Free-Will Baptist church. He devotes his full time to the ministry. He has had to give up three of his churches, he says, because he started preaching too much truth to them, and plans to relinquish the last one at Farmville. He says he agrees to every detail in all the lessons sent to him, believes in the Sabbath, and says nothing will hinder him from keeping it.

"He has promised to attend a series of meetings in the Wilson colored church which Elder Smith plans to hold soon. Elder Smith says he will study with the man and believes now that he will go all the way in the message. Let us pray that it will be so."

W. O. Reynolds

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FORWARD WITH THE LITERATURE TODAY

Tomorrow may be too late! Just recently word came to us from one of the oldest and largest Bible publishers that they could not accept orders for Bibles for several months due to the increased demand. They further stated that when they did accept orders again that the stock would be rationed. This increased demand for the Bible and religious books shows the trend of thinking—may we not grasp the opportunity of circulation our truthfilled books in this golden hour of opportunity!

Our colporteurs are being richly blessed and so far we have been able to meet the demand for books and while our publishing houses face paper shortages, the Lord will perform a miracle if we will but continue to walk forward in faith. Some of our books may not be republished for at least a time thus we suggest that you check your library, especially Spirit of Prophecy books, and order the missing volumes to save disappointment.

Do you have the "New Critical and Explanatory Commentary" on the whole Bible? Regular price \$4.95 but until July 31 we are honoring camp meeting prices. Until then this volume is only \$4.45 postpaid.

A limited stock of "Messages to Young People" and "Fundamentals of Christian Education" in the paper binding is still available at only 89 cents. Stock is limited so order at once. Fortify yourself and family for the time of trouble by having these books in your home library.

The book "David Dare" (formerly "Prophecy Speaks") continues to be in great demand. This booklet creates confidence in the Bible. Order a liberal supply for your church. 110 copies just \$10; 550 copies only \$50; or 1,100 copies at \$100. Your church could not make a better investment.

Can you find that text just when you want it? If not, order a copy of "Walker's Complete Concordance", only \$2.00.

"Resolve to do a little reading every day, if it is but a single sentence. If you gain fifteen minutes a day, it will make itself felt at the end of the year."—*Horace Mann.*

LAY PREACHING IN GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

The lay preaching in this conference has taken on new proportions since the convention held last winter. Quite a few of our men were unable to attend this meeting, but have continued their work in a strong way.

Brother Allen Bidwell, of Dayton, Tennessee, is carrying on a strong effort in the church, and the writer is to baptize a few people on August 7 as a result of his effort.

Brother L. S. Stanley, of the Augusta colored church, writes that his lay effort just completed was a success. Seven people have been placed in a baptismal class, and will be baptized soon. Another has already been baptized.

Brethren Crittle and King, of the Macon colored church, have been conducting a lay effort in Fort Valley. They write that their courage is good; and well it should be, for God is blessing them in a very marked way. About a year ago, these two men rented a church building at Fort Valley, Georgia, and began meetings. After the series of meetings were completed, they organized a branch Sabbath school with fourteen members. They rented a tabernacle a couple of months ago and are holding regular services there. One of the local ministers has become very much interested in the truth and these brethren are studying with him. Recently, they had a study on the "Two Laws." This was last Thirteenth Sabbath. The interested preacher was present. At the close of the study the minister said, "You've convinced me, I give up"

Let us pray for the work of these lay preachers, that God will continue to bless. They have five more members about ready for baptism. The conference is sending Elder J. W. Jones to conduct a tent effort in Fort Valley this summer.

J. M. Cox

VOICE OF PROPHECY INTEREST

Be sure to follow up the interest aroused by the Voice of Prophecy. Recently, Brother Day, one of our city colporteurs, followed up some interest aroused by the Radio program. The result was that he sold five "Bible Readings." One of the books went to a prominent minister who

speaks daily over one of the local stations in Atlanta.

An interesting experience came to our attention the other day through Brother R. C. Camp, of the Albany white church. An advertisement had been carried in the Albany paper for fourteen consecutive days. Here is the advertisement: "Bible Truths. If you would like to hear them beautifully and lovingly told, tune in on the Voice of Prophecy over WALB every Sunday evening at six o'clock. A treat is in store for you."

No one seemed to know who was paying for the ad. It was finally discovered that a superintendent of one of the mills, a non-Adventist, was paying the bill. He was enjoying the programs so much he thought others should know about it.

J. M. Cox

CLOSED ON SATURDAYS

A large window sign, with letters about two feet in height, caught my eye, as I drove down a street in Atlanta recently. It read, "Closed on Saturday." Naturally, I was curious, and read the smaller lettering which gave reasons for not doing business on this particular day. It wasn't because of any regard for the fourth commandment. But they had reasons and gave them briefly and clearly.

When talking to a professional man some time ago, who happened to be a member of a popular church, I inquired, "Doctor, just why do you belong to the _____ church?" He prefaced his answer with a little slang, but in short he said, "I don't know why."

Recently we visited a very fine lady whom we met when looking for a home in Atlanta. Our conversation drifted to religion. She was telling us some things about her church, and I asked, "Mrs. _____ I have heard of your church a good many times. Can you tell me just what they believe, or how they are different from other churches?" She said, "Well, I know why, but I just can't tell you."

Millions of people are what they are because their parents belonged to this or that particular church. Often you and I are asked what we believe, or why we belong to this peculiar people. We like to give an intelligent answer, and most Adventists can. We do have an advantage over members of other churches, for we have literature to give them the reason.

A late book by F. D. Nichol, "Why I am a Seventh-day Adventist," will answer this question in a convincing and interesting way. It might be well to have sev-

eral of these on hand for such opportunities. They are thirty-five cents each. Five will be mailed to you for only \$1.00.

Order from your Book and Bible House Box 4929, Atlanta 2, Georgia. You will also enjoy reading this book yourself.

C. L. Paddock

NEWS NOTES

Miss Ruby Simmons, who is in charge of the magazine work in the Southern Union, has been working in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference the past few weeks. She has started a number of ladies working in Chattanooga selling *Life and Health* on the subscription basis. We understand that she plans to work in Knoxville and Augusta soon, before leaving our field. We believe that the selling of our magazines is a very fine way of spreading the message in these last days and we hope that many of our members will seriously consider taking up this line of work.

We are sure that all the friends of Sister G. Medairy will be happy to know that she is regaining her health in a marvelous way. Those interested in writing to her may reach her at Doctor Crawford's Sanitarium, which has just recently opened at Graysville, Tennessee. Elder and Sister Medairy have labored faithfully in this field for a number of years, and are known and loved by many of our people.

Brother Starks, who is holding an effort for the colored in Atlanta, reported that he had over 400 present last Sunday night, which was the third Sunday night of his series.

We were glad to receive word today that Elder Cardey's interest at Knoxville has been increasing and that he has recently started a baptismal class of twenty individuals.

Within a few days after this issue reaches you, Brother Hegeman, Elder Thomas, and Brother Lynes will be starting their efforts in Thomasville, Macon, and Knoxville.

Elder J. W. Jones, who started an effort at Fort Valley last week, reported that his tent was full, and that there seemed to be a very strong interest among the people of that community.

Let us remember the inspired words, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Let us not only remember this admonition, but put it into practice by praying daily that the Lord

will work through His disciples to bring an abundant harvest through these evangelistic efforts.

HISTORY OF BEVERLY ROAD CHURCH

(Continued From Page 1)

The work of Seventh-day Adventists began in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1885, when Brother George A. King and Brother Charles F. Curtis, of Iowa, came to this field to sell gospel literature. Brother Curtis returned north full of enthusiasm and returned to the South with his bride in 1887. Brother and Sister Curtis were fully identified with the Atlanta work for over forty years. Sister Curtis now lives at 301 E. Elm Street, Brea, California, and we are indebted to her for the facts concerning the early history of our work in Georgia.

Elder S. H. Lane came to Georgia in the fall of 1887 to lead out in the work. Many Bible studies were given and that same year a Sabbath school was organized in Brother Curtis' home at 80 Plum St., with six adults and six children. Brother Curtis was the superintendent. Sister Myrtice Caldwell, a member now of this church, was also a member of that first Sabbath school. Elder Lane felt the need of a permanent home for the work. Accordingly, two lots were purchased at the corner of South Boulevard and Bryan Street. Tents were pitched for the workers to live in while the buildings were being

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erected. In a house built on these lots, the First Atlanta Church of Seventh-day Adventists with fifteen members, was organized in the fall of 1888 by Elder Lane.

In 1895 a lot was purchased on East Fair Street near Cherokee Avenue, and a neat little church was built and the congregation of about thirty-five moved in. It continued to grow and had about seventy-five members when Elder C. B. Haynes came to hold a series of evangelistic efforts in Atlanta. His first effort was held in 1912 in the old Baptist Tabernacle on Luckie Street; his second was in a tent at the junction of the Peachtrees in 1914, his third in the Grand Theatre in 1917; and his fourth in the Lyric Theatres in 1918. As a result of these meetings more than 150 were added to the church, and it seemed imperative to build a larger place of worship. In the fall of 1917 two lots were purchased at the corner of Orleans Street and Cherokee Avenue and a brick bungalow church was built and furnished in the spring of 1918. Elder C. B. Haynes preached the first sermon in the new church. After he left Atlanta, Doctor J. R. Mitchell became lay-pastor and served until the fall of 1924, when Elder A. B. Russell became our first ordained pastor stationed here by the conference.

He was followed successively by Elders B. H. Shaw, A. A. Cone, J. H. Behrings, Paul Scoggins, N. S. Ashton, C. C. Ellis, S. M. Schleifer, R. E. Crawford, and Lindsay Semmens. During Elder Schleifer's pastorate it seemed desirable to divide our congregation and build a new church as our membership had reached over 400.

After much prayerful effort, the present site of this splendid church was found by Elder Schleifer. Though we had considered several others, it was not until a large group of our members met on this vacant lot on Beverly Road on Sabbath afternoon that we all knew for a surety that God had heard our prayers and provided for us an ideal place for the new church. Many providences attended the purchasing and building of the edifice, and it is indeed a glorious occasion for us all when we can dedicate to God today this beautiful church free from debt.

Elder J. L. Shuler held a large evangelistic effort in Atlanta in 1939. Over 100 were baptized. Many of these together with a division of the membership of the First church, make up the congregation of Beverly Road. Elder A. C. Griffin was our first pastor and he was followed by Elder Schleifer. Today we have Elder C. R. Gibbs as pastor here, while Dr. L. A. Semmens is pastor of the First Church.

With these two congregations wholly

consecrated to God, the message of the crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour can quickly be preached to this city and surrounding counties and God's name be exalted and glorified. This is our mission. May it become our completed task.



This has been our best week thus far in the number who have made their decision to follow all the way in entire surrender. However, we will confine our experiences to a letter from the Texas Field Representative of the Seventh-day Adventist War Commission. We feel certain that this experience will stir the heart of every parent and young person.

"You will be interested to learn that one of the Aviation Cadets from one of the many army flying schools here has accepted the truth through the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course.

"He has been in training for several months to be a navigator and about to be graduated. He is a fine clean cut young man. He belongs to no church. His parents are very much opposed to his staunch stand, for they are prejudiced. He has taken his stand, been demoted to a status of a private in the army. This is in itself a great sacrifice for a young, ambitious man.

"This young man never heard the Voice of Prophecy program over the radio but picked up a copy of the "Signs of the Times" in which the Voice of Prophecy Free Bible Course was advertised or offered. He was very much touched by the Signs and responded to the Free Voice of Prophecy Bible Course offered. For eight months he studied the lessons faithfully, and that is something for these aviation cadets are very busy day and night. Well, he is well informed, I discovered and is better posted on the doctrines of the church than the average Seventh-day Adventist today."

This letter just came in from Rhode Island:

"I attended the Bible school and church services last Sabbath day. I know I am going to be very happy over this great decision. I have wasted many precious years being too interested in worldly attractions for which I pray I'll be forgiven.

"I have told the local Seventh-day Adventist pastor that I desire to be baptized. The personal interest which you have taken in me in spite of your large volume of mail, gives me a feeling of really counting."

Here is a letter from Illinois written after the lady had heard but one broadcast:

"I do not belong to any church although I deeply believe in the Bible. In Madison, Wisconsin, I had a very good friend who is a Seventh-day Adventist. I went to church several times with her. I never visited any other church that I enjoyed so much. Some day after this war is over we intend to go back and become members of that church."

How we do appreciate such sincere letters as this one from Minnesota:

"Please let me know if there is any way I can work for Jesus at home. I have two little girls and it is hard to get away from home. I am passing out your logs as I have a chance. One of your church members told me that if I was to be baptized I would have to become a candidate. Just what does that mean? Won't my Bible lessons qualify me for baptism?"

The following letter shows how anxious some are to find their way into the true church: "Where might one become a member of the *True Church*? Is Bellingham my nearest town and church? Will you please send my name to the pastor there, and as soon as I can I will go to see him."

SORRY! BUT WE HAVE TO RAISE THE PRICE

Nearly all of our denominational periodicals have found it necessary to raise their prices due to the war and rising costs. In spite of all this, the subscription price on the workers' own journal of interchange, *The Ministry*, has remained the same until the present time. However, beginning September 1, we will be forced to increase the price from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a year.

The conferences in North America and the overseas divisions, as well as most of our educational and medical institutions, supply this journal of methods to their workers, and to these organizations there is a special club rate, which will also be slightly increased. These employing organizations are being notified. There is also a special club rate to ministerial students, and they will likewise be informed through the theological department of their colleges, and their school papers.

This is to notify miscellaneous individual subscribers, such as doctors and nurses in private practice, teachers, colporteurs, and lay preachers, and others doing lay evan-

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gelistic and pastoral work. However, there is a special discount to some in these groups also, and this rate may be obtained by writing the Ministerial Association, General Conference S. D. A., Takoma Park 12, D. C., or your Book and Bible House. Or, if you wish to send in the full subscription price of \$2.00 and state your work or reason for discount, your subscription will be extended accordingly.

In sending in renewals and new subscriptions, please bear in mind the foregoing information. There may be those who have moved and failed to send in their new address. Please keep us posted as to your correct address at all times.

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PRESENT TRUTH FOR AUGUST

Number 15 Origin of Evil

Those who question the wisdom and justice of God should remember that war and all the misery that follows in its train are the results of a rebellion in heaven. It is only because of God's forbearance and yearning pity for Lucifer and his followers that time has been given for repentance.

Number 16 Where Men Go When They Die?

What happens at death? Life after death is assured, but under what conditions? Texts often misunderstood are explained so readers may know the meaning of such expressions as "everlasting fire," "shall never die," "preach to them that are dead," "spirits in prison," "they which sleep," "absent from the body," and "present with the Lord."

Send *Present Truth* to relatives and friends for only 35 cents a year, three subscriptions for \$1. (In Canada, 70 cents; District of Columbia and foreign, 60 cents.) You can give a complete series, the equivalent of twenty-four sermons, to thirty families, an audience of 150 souls, for \$10; fifteen families, or 75 souls, \$5. Order from your Book and Bible House.

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S. J. C. ALUNMI

Dear Alumni Members and Friends

I suppose you have learned of our Alumni Project—Redecorating and furnishing the Bible classroom, but most of you have not reached down into your purse to get your "mite" to add to our slowly growing fund.

We have previously reported \$42.00 and we now have \$53.00:

Previously reported	\$42.00
Joe Cruise, M. D.	5.00
Frank Ashlock	5.00
Mrs. Philip Beale	1.00

Total \$53.00

Let us have your name on the list next week.

George N. Fuller,
Treasurer Alumni Association

SOUTHERN UNION "VOICE OF PROPHECY" RADIO LOG

City	Call Letter	Kilocycles	Time
ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI			
Birmingham, Ala.	WSGN	610	6:00 P.M.
Decatur, Ala.	WMSL	1440	6:00
Gadsden, Ala.	WJBY	1240	6:00
Jackson, Miss.	WSLI		6:00
Mobile, Ala.	WMOB	1230	6:00
Opelika, Ala.	WJHO	1400	6:00
Selma, Ala.	WHBB	1490	6:00
Columbus, Miss.	WCBI	1400	6:00
CAROLINA			
Burlington, N. C.	WBBB	920	9:15 A. M
Charlotte, N. C.	WAYS	610	7:00 P. M
Columbia, S. C.	WCOS	1400	7:00
Fayetteville, N. C.	WFNC	1450	7:00
Goldboro, N. C.	WGRR	1400	7:00
Greenville, N. C.	WGTC	1490	7:00
Wilmington, N. C.	WMFD		7:00
Greenville, S. C.	WMRC	1490	7:00
Raleigh, N. C.	WRAL	1240	7:00
Salisbury, N. C.	WSTP	1490	7:00
Wilson, N. C.	WGTM	1340	7:00
Winston-Salem, N. C.	WAIR	1340	7:00
FLORIDA			
Gainesville, Fla.	WRUF	850	7:00
Jacksonville, Fla.	WPDQ	1270	7:00
Lake Worth-Palm Beh.	WWPG		7:00
Miami, Fla.	WIOD	610	12:30
Fort Meyers, Fla.	WAAC	1240	9:15 A M
Tallahassee, Fla.	WTAL	1340	10:00
Orlando, Fla.	WDBO		9:15
St. Petersburg-Tampa,	WTSP	1380	7:00 P M
GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND			
Albany Ga.	WALB	1590	7:00
Atlanta, Ga.	WATL	1400	7:00
Dalton, Ga.	WBLJ	1230	7:00
Chattanooga, Tenn.	WDEF	1400	6:00
Knoxville, Tenn.	WBIR	1240	6:00
LaGrange, Ga.	WLAG	1240	7:00

Macon, Ga.	WBML	1240	7:00
West Point, Ga.	WDAK	1340	6:00
Kentucky-Tennessee			
Ashland-Huntington	WCMI		6:30
Bowling, Green, Ky.	WLBK		6:00
Clarksville, Tenn.	WJZM	1400	6:00
Jackson, Tenn.	WTJS	1390	6:00
Lexington, Ky.	WLAP	1450	6:00
Louisville, Ky.	WGRC	1400	6:00
Henderson, Ky.	WSON	860	5:00
Memphis, Tenn.	WMPS	1460	6:00
Nashville, Tenn.	WSIX	980	6:00
Cincinnati, Ohio	WLW	700	10:00 A. M

SUNSET TABLE

Friday, July 30, 1943

Atlanta, Ga.	7:41
Charlotte, N. C.	8:28
Chattanooga, Tenn.	7:46
Knoxville, Tenn.	8:43
Memphis, Tenn.	8:05
Meridian, Miss.	7:54
Nashville, Tenn.	7:54
Orlando, Fla.	8:19



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OFFERING SCHEDULE

July 31, Local Church Expense
August 7, Local Home Missions
Pastors and Church Elders;
Announcement should be made each week at the Sabbath morning service of the purpose of the offering to be taken.

THE COLPORTEUR EVANGELIST
B. E. Wagner, Union Field Secretary
Report for week ending July 17

Ala.-Miss.,	C. W. Beach, Field Sec.,	
	1703, 24th. Ave., Meridian, Miss.	
C. S. Powell	GFB	58.90
Jas. Wimpy	BR	25 251.20 58.70
*L. Mauldin	Mag.	65 111.90 111.90
*R. Wood	BR	57 621.25 205.50
*X. Butler	FFB	56 253.50



SOUTHERN TIDINGS

H. Young	Mag.	52	37.00	37.00
*Helen Brown	BS	49	238.90	
L. Bratcher	BR	45	140.70	
W. Davis	Mag.	45	43.30	43.30
R. Henderson	BR	43	192.00	378.80
N. Hamer	PP	43	117.50	257.00
R. Weeks	BR	38	73.80	
H. Hendershot	RJ	37	92.20	171.70
G. Partridge	GFB	37	104.00	
Eli Layton	BR	32	79.15	323.95
H. Price	Mag.	32	45.60	45.60
W. Bainfield	GF	30	120.00	44.50
R. Ligon	GF	29	5.00	7.90
J. Jacobs	BR	28	174.00	
H. Hilderbrandt	BR	26	168.20	35.95
G. Meade	BS	26	222.20	
C. Stephenson	BR	23	100.25	120.00
B. F. Harrison	BR	21	78.00	
E. Staton	BS	20	58.80	
V. Davis	GFB	17	98.85	
J. Mathieu	Mag.	16	26.60	26.60
A. Shorter	GF	12	15.50	46.50
E. Ronning	BR	11	26.30	39.60
McLenden	BR	10	64.00	64.00
E. Humphrey	GFB	9	63.20	79.00
W. Bazzell	BS	6	6.90	1.70
C. Harden	Mag.	4	4.40	4.40
F. L. McKee	BR	2		15.00
F. Davis	BS	2	9.65	8.60
C. Parker	BR	22	105.40	15.40
B. Everett	BR			300.00
J. Cruze	BR	22	185.95	
A. J. Jones	BR	45	98.50	48.50
R. Parker	BR	33	42.15	176.10
The Wilsons	BR	37	311.75	34.55

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Carolina Donald West, *Field Sec.*
Box 930, Charlotte, N. C.

M. P. Swingle	BR	60	365.50	
Leo Martz	BR	57	534.00	
R. Chamberlain	BR	54	438.00	
Dwight Herbert	BR	52	376.50	
*E. Howard	BR	48	311.50	
H. Bowers	BR	47	254.00	
*B. Schomberg	BR	45	179.50	
*Leta Brown	BR	43	220.50	
W. J. Warren	BR	41	97.30	1.95
T. Campbell	BR	40	266.25	
Paul Davis	BR	40	119.00	
Murray Turner	BR	40	273.25	.60
O. H. Davis	BR	40	158.45	
Jerry Harvey	BR	37	213.75	
Fred Bowers	BR	36	138.75	
H. A. Wilcox	BR	35	125.50	
W. S. Hancock	BR	34	152.50	
Paul Hutton	BR	33	107.50	
W. E. Roberson	BR	33	192.95	
Clarence Hale	BR	32	148.75	
Irving Young	BR	32	145.00	
C. C. Dailey	BR	31	166.50	
M. Godsey	BR	31	181.25	
Robert Ross	BR	31	97.00	
U. D. Bowers	BR	30	210.40	
Marvin Ward	BR	30	133.70	
Robert Miller	BR	30	87.00	1.50

R. H. Willetts	BR	28	119.00	
E. F. Killen	BR	27	166.50	
Worth Lowder	BR	27	207.75	
Earl Sapp	BR	26	84.00	
Carl E. Groom	BR	25	131.70	
H. B. Jones	BR	25	132.45	
H. Strickland	BR	25	103.75	1.50
D. Carrier	BR	24	130.00	
F. D. Hines	Mag.	23	2.30	2.30
D. Kenyon Jr.	BR	23	100.00	
V. Phillips	GH	22	85.25	
L. Lundgren	Mag.	22	22.50	22.50
Flossie Carter	BR	21	72.00	
Mrs. Lowder	BTS	20	111.00	
C. B. Graham	DA	19	63.50	
John Hines	BR	19	109.50	
Selma McAfee	BR	16	101.90	21.90
Ted Burriss	BR	15	71.00	501.00
Mrs. Slawson	BR	14	61.10	38.05
Elmer Cook	BR	12	99.50	
Lynne Sudduth	Mag.	11	26.50	26.50
H. Kirkpatrick	HR	9	7.00	7.00
Mrs. Seabrook	HR	24	37.10	23.10
Eileen Holt	Mag.	6	3.60	3.60
O. J. Eggers	BR	19	91.50	

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Florida, A. E. Deyo, *Field Sec.*
Box 1313, Orlando, Florida

A. Colporteur	BR	91	338.35	209.90
H. T. Barnhart	OT	25	61.00	55.25
B. Benson	BR	84	423.50	171.20
W. E. Bidwell	RJ	64	42.70	52.40
H. Brantley	Mag.	5	7.50	7.50
C. Cook	Mag.	20	37.70	37.70
W. C. Dalton	BR	16	57.35	
L. Dickerson	Mag.	3	5.90	5.90
E. Foster	Mag.	17	38.50	38.50
O. Gestrich	BR	30	55.65	57.95
M. Gondish	Mag.	17	11.00	11.00
Mrs. Gracey	BR	17	69.35	18.20
C. L. Jones	BR	25	48.95	48.65
E. Kelley	BR	12	5.75	37.20
L. Kemerer	Mag.	6	2.90	2.90
C. Kaplan	Mag.	12	41.10	41.10
F. Langorgen	BR	36	171.50	
Fred Meister	BR	49	97.10	62.30
G. C. Powery	BR	40	130.95	14.45
G. Outlaw	Mag.	10	11.80	11.80
N. Sankey	Mag.	39	11.70	1.47
I. Swint	BR	30	63.31	45.65
E. T. Tyus	BR	61	96.65	137.65
G. Wiley	BR	45	57.80	17.50
G. Wood	Mag.	17	38.50	38.50

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Ga-Cumb., A. C. McKee, *Field Sec.*
547 Cherokee Ave., Atlanta Ga.

R. E. Port		82	249.50	249.50
*L. Draper	BR	54	378.80	34.45
*E. Fenner	BR	54	17.25	22.35
J. R. Clark	BR	45	209.90	
J. L. Risch	BR	44	181.25	110.75
W. Foster	BR	40	204.40	19.00
M. Johnson	GFB	55	52.00	1.35

W. Echols	BR	33	209.75	
H. W. Tipton	BR	32	209.00	
T. Tanner	BR	31	22.15	
*I. Nicholas	BR	29	208.50	12.94
M. Guinn	BR	30	97.70	21.75
J. W. Tanner	BR	28	42.50	45.70
*A Holton	BR	26	46.25	106.85
Killingsworth	Mag.	23	27.50	27.50
L. Maulden	BR	22	300.00	48.50
*W. Bishop	BR	19	58.00	
K. Pope	GC	18	39.00	104.00
Henderlight	Mag.	17	70.00	70.00
Mary Riley	Mag.	13	29.00	29.00
Ella Duncan	Mag.	12	60.00	60.00
A. J. Sharpe	Mag.	6	20.00	20.00
M. Williams	Mag.	46	43.80	43.80
J. E. Dykes	GFB	80	276.75	74.50
G. Carter	HR	40	111.25	74.25
L. H. Davis		40	33.25	105.50
F. Watson	BR	40	212.65	56.70
N. Spring	Mag.	33	26.50	26.50
R. Carter	GP	27	166.75	11.90
Mrs. Daniel	Mag.	26	20.10	20.10
Mrs. Robinson	HPDA	25	113.35	76.15
Mrs. Robin	Mag.	22	18.00	18.00
F. A. Osterman	Mag.	21	80.00	80.00
E. Presley,	GP	18	160.60	17.85
Mrs. C. Jones	Mag.	17	40.00	40.00
E. Gulley	Mag.	15	29.00	29.00
Mrs. Dapiel	Mag.	21	11.10	11.10
No Name	Mag.	15	37.50	37.50

TOTALS 1146 4062.05 1705.14

Ky.-Tenn., P. E. Shakespeare, *Field Sec.*
2001 24th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn

Kenneth Berry	BR	54	367.75	100.15
C. Martin	BR	50	248.05	135.95
Marian Berry	BR	45	201.75	56.45
Ruth Nelson	LH	44	79.80	41.80
W. L. Vickers	BR	39	59.00	41.70
M. Woolsey	BR	35	168.20	90.70
R. A. Neal	BR	33	113.50	132.75
Mrs. Carroll	LH	31	53.75	53.75
W. R. Zollinger	BR	23	68.35	24.85
B. Kaiser	LH	15	33.75	18.90
P. Crawford	HR	100	178.75	178.75
J. Dickerson	MLH	58	73.20	73.20
Mr. Howell	Mag.	50	100.00	100.00
W. Shakespeare	BR	48	70.00	14.40
R. E. Wilson	MLH	45	60.00	51.00
Jack Griffith	BR	43	210.70	4.20
W. Anderson	BR	42	147.60	8.60
John Ogren	BR	42	78.00	19.45
Lillian Davis	WLH	36	35.30	35.30
Mildred Gorin	WLH	36	26.70	26.70
Mabel Howard	WLH	34	37.90	37.90
A. Coleman	WLH	33	50.25	50.25
Mrs. Marple	WLH	33	30.40	30.40
Wilma Widmer	BTS	31	164.00	
M. Crawford	WLH	28	26.65	26.65
Joe Barnes	Misc.	14	9.20	21.45
J. Crockett	BR	13	33.75	13.50
Mrs. Maloney	BPS	15	29.70	85.00

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UNION TOTALS 5730 21078.75 7438.81

Southern Union Conference Ingathering Report

Conference	Goals	Remittances to Union Week Ending June 26	Percentage of Goal Raised	Per Capitas
Alabama-Mississippi	\$18,500.00	\$23,766.70	128.4	\$8.52
Carolina	18,500.00	21,501.81	116.2	7.21
Florida	26,000.00	34,352.57	132.1	6.45
Georgia-Cumberland	23,000.00	26,776.64	116.4	6.59
Kentucky-Tennessee	23,000.00	27,755.38	120.7	6.57
UNION	\$110,000.00	\$134,153.10	122.0	\$6.92

Conference	1942 Actual	Actual to June 26	Amount Over Last Year
Alabama-Mississippi	\$21,205.69	\$23,766.70	\$2,561.01
Carolina	18,546.20	21,501.81	2,955.61
Florida	31,393.45	34,352.57	2,959.12
Georgia-Cumberland	26,148.99	26,776.64	627.65
Kentucky-Tennessee	24,664.65	27,755.38	3,090.73
Union	\$121,958.98	\$134,153.10	\$12,194.12

INGATHERING

We felt confident that our brethren and sisters, and all our leaders throughout the Southern Union would be very happy to have an opportunity of knowing what the latest Ingathering report is.

Each month church treasurers remit to the local conferences, and the local conferences send in their funds to the union conference. We are giving the report above to show you the actual amount of money that has come in from each of the fields from the Ingathering thus far this year, up to June 26.

This represents a gain of more than

\$12,000 over the amount that was raised in the entire year of 1942 in the Ingathering. You will notice in this report that Alabama-Mississippi has the honor of raising the largest per capita, with Carolina coming in second. All of the fields made an excellent gain over what they did last year, the largest one being made by Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. They raised \$3,090.73 more than was raised last year, and last year they reported a splendid figure.

When we realize that these funds are all being sent on to help to hasten the work and speed the message to honest-hearted souls, reports like this thrill our heart.

Thousands of our people this year had part in the Ingathering which made possible this splendid report, and we again want to take this opportunity to express appreciation to all of the leaders and faithful members who had part in the 1943 Ingathering effort. There are still just a few churches who have not yet completed their goal; and a number of individuals are still working to raise the full amount of their goal before they stop. We certainly encourage these to continue right on in their work until they have done their full part and the Lord will bless them for their faithfulness.

B. M. Preston

THE VOICE OF S. P. A.

The mail as it comes in each morning is always a source of thrilling adventure for we find real pleasure in checking through the requests for literature, the inquiries regarding our publications. Someone from a Baptist college in Georgia writes: "It is a pleasure to write you. Recently I had the privilege of reading your "Bible Made Plain" and the date was 1922. Do you still publish this work? If so, I would so much appreciate receiving a copy."

An elderly gentleman from Virginia says, "In looking over some old books I came across one that I would like to have. The title is "Steps to Christ" by Ellen G. White. The only date in the book was a 1921 copyright. If you can locate the plates, I would like to get about 200."

Our literature is proving a source of comfort in these days of storm. Writes Staff Sergeant _____ of Texas, "I am writing concerning the book 'Steps to Christ,' Army and Navy Edition, by Ellen G. White. One of my buddies has the book and I myself should like to have a copy. I am married and have a four-months old son and feel that I should know more of the word of God."

Thus we see that our literature fills a great need, satisfying the desires of longing hearts. Perhaps some who read may not have realized the importance of distributing our literature among the armed forces. It is appreciated and cannot fail to do some good. If we sow the seed, the Lord will send the harvest. Let's be faithful during this year of opportunity.

Just as our books are meeting a great need, so our magazine workers are finding the service men anxious for the *Watchman*

and *Message Magazines*. If you have not already tried it, take a bundle of magazines under your arm some evening, go to a city frequented by soldiers, and see how readily they buy them. Another opportunity knocking at our very doors. Why not answer the call today?

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"The Saviour ignores both rank and caste, worldly honour and riches. It is character and devotedness of purpose that are of high value with Him."—*Testimonies* Vol. VI, p. 268

As the perfection of His character is dwelt upon, the mind is renewed, and the soul is re-created in the image of God. What education can be higher than this? —*White*.