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Our New Paper

With the reception of the first number of the "FIELD TIDINGS" there will no doubt come to some of our readers in the Southeastern Union the query "Why another paper?" We have been faithfully served by the "Report of Progress" and it is with some regret that we sever the pleasant relations which have bound us to that good paper and to the Southern Union Conference whose organ it has also been.

The chief reason why we are now issuing a distinctive organ for the S. E. Union is that in our Training school at Graysville we may have the opportunity of having another branch of industrial art continually in hand. How necessary it is that those who complete a course to fit them for service, should be able to do a little in the printing line so that if there comes a call to a foreign field, they will be thus equipped for the needs of the field.

Again we trust that by a distinctly Union Organ we shall have more opportunity to get near to every home in the five conferences of the district and so we shall ask every worker to remember that as servants of their respective conferences it is expected that they send in frequent reports of their labors.

Church elders, Canvassers, Bible workers, laborers of every class should realize that they can help those who read, by short testimonies of God's goodness in His leadings of His children.

Let the "FIELD TIDINGS" be a source of joy to every member in our Union and let us all do our part to make this Union Conference paper from its very start "Second to none".

W. A. WESTWORTH

HOW WILL THE MASSES BE WARNED

We are told that a tent meeting could be held every night in the year for four years in Chicago, with an entirely new audience of over one thousand each night during the four years. In greater New York with its millions, one could have an audience of one thousand every night in the year for nine years without the same person attending twice. One can readily see from these figures how much work is before our ministering brethren in warning the masses in these large cities, (saying nothing about the rural districts) unless some other help comes to their rescue.

The servant of the Lord has told us, "The destroying Angels are today executing their commission. Death will come in all places. This is why I am so anxious for our cities to be warned. There is a work to be done by canvassing in our cities that has not yet been done. . . . The blessing of God rests on the workers who warn those that are unready to meet him. . . . Now is our time to work.

For the last twenty years, and particularly since my return from Australia, I have born a most decided testimony in favor of proclaiming the Third 'Angels Message' in the cities of America."

We can see from the above, that at least a large if not the greater part of this burden will fall upon the canvasser. We know, too, that soon the labor unions, and other hinderences will block the way for the sale of our literature.

Winter months are considered the best time to work these congested centers, and on account of mud and disagreeable weather, it is the most unfavorable time to work the country. Why should not our canvassers plan, as far as possible, to work the cities and towns in winter and early spring, then devote the remainder of the year to country work? Why too, may not a large number of our sisters who are now not in the work, decide to devote their time to selling the monthly Watchman and other periodicals on Present Truth, twelve months in the year in these towns and cities? Does not the importance, and immensity of the work, together with the appeal from the Lord and the shortness of the time stir

us to desire a part in the closing work? I trust that it may, and that we will all give the Lord his way with us.

V. O. Cole.

The Junior Reading Course.

Repeated requests have been made of the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department, to provide a reading course for juniors. Especially has this call come from the South.

In response the Junior Reading Course now appearing in the "Report of Progress" has been prepared.

The first book, "Child Life in Mission Lands" is what its name indicates. It is written in a manner that will interest children and contains much valuable information. price 25 cents.

The second in the course is "Christ Our Savior" a most excellent book for children to read in connection with the Sabbath-school lessons on the life of Christ which are to begin in April. Price 50 cents.

Order each book from the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

Surely parents and Sabbath-school workers should bestir themselves to place in the hands of the young, literature which is elevating and which will draw out the hearts of the children among us, toward the children in heathen lands.

The impressions made upon the minds of the young by that which they read are far reaching. Should we not take advantage of this fact and in place of the fiction which is provided for children by the world, supply them with that which will make them of service in the work of the Third Angel's Message?

Those who are taking the course should send their names for enrollment at once to their conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

Each one completing the course will be granted a certificate.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Bro and Sister Finly, living near Knoxville, feel very much encouraged to see some of their neighbors embracing the truth. They have the promise that some of these will attend the camp-meeting with them this year. Brethren, cannot we all go to work with our neighbors and bring at least one soul to this annual gathering?

The Treatment Parlors at Knoxville conducted by Brother and Sister Lovell, are doing a flourishing business. A good impression is being made upon the leading people of the city, and the seeds of truth are being sown which we trust will bear fruit in the near future.

Young Peoples Missionary Volunteer Institute

The Graysville church extends a cordial invitation to all in the Southeastern and Southern Union Conferences who are especially interested in the work of our young people, to be present at the Missionary Volunteer Institute to be held on the occasion of Prof. M. E. Kern's visit to Graysville, March 18-21-1909.

NORTH CAROLINA

Married:- Jan., 25, '09 at the S. D. A. Church in Asheville, Mr. Raymond Anderson and Miss Florena Durepo. Eld., T. H. J. J. officiating. Bro. and Sister Anderson started for Atlanta, where Bro. Anderson works at his trade as house plasterer, the following morning. The best wishes of friends are extended to them.

The new S. D. A. Church building at Lexington is nearing completion.

FLORIDA

Three series of meetings are now in progress in Florida.

One, at Indianola which is conducted by Eld's. Stepheuson and Clark, one at Daytona by Brethren Parmele, Branson, Whitford and Case, and for the colored people in Jacksonville, conducted by Eld's. Manus and Shepard. Elder Clark is loaned to us for this effort by the S. Dak. Conference.

Besides these efforts Elder Webster is busy at work in Tampa and Bro. W. K. Achenbach in Jacksonville.

Elder Parmele expects to visit Miami and Key West before General Conference.

The colored laborers report two new Sabbath Keepers in Jacksonville, as a result of their tent effort.

In all 30 persons have promised to Keep the Sabbath as a result of meetings held since camp meeting.

A NEW MISSIONARY PAPER

The "Gospel Sentinel" is the name of the new missionary paper which was planned for at the recent meeting of the Publishing House constituency. It is to be a small eight page weekly and will cost 50 cents per year, single subscriptions, and 25 cents per year in clubs of five or more.

This little journal should receive the hearty support of all our people everywhere. Its cost makes it possible for persons to use a larger number than is possible when a more costly paper is used, and the fact that its mission is simply a missionary paper ought to make it of especial value. It is hoped that our churches all over the United States will use this publication in large numbers. For further information address the Southern Publishing Co, 24th. Ave. N Nashville.

A NEW PRESS

It is expected that before another issue of this paper, our new press will be installed. This first issue was delayed one week with the expectation of having the new press to use in printing the first number.

CANVASSING REPORT
For Week Ending Jan. 23, 1909,
Southeastern Union Conference

NAME-	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE				
F. B. Sedore	B. F. L.	33	38.50	140
Fred Meister	B. F. L.	36	28.50	2
G. A. Slade	D. & R.	35	9	235
W. S. Fulbright	D. & R.	36	9	
E. A. Clark	D. & R.	36	7	
Miss Ada Woolsey	B. F. L.	25	19	

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W. E. Lanier	D. & R.	38	21.50	26.50
R. L. Underwood	D. & R.	29	46.70	11.20
N. Q. Smith	C. K.	10	9.00	22.25
J. P. Allran	C. K.	49	58.25	5.25

2 weeks

SOUTH CAROLINA

Brother William C. Rahn and S. H. Swingle have moved to their new home on a farm near Woodruff, S. C. They are taking hold of the work in this new place with courage and hope to see the third angels message find its way to their neighbors.

Brother Rahn has been selected as a teacher in the Sunday School and while Brother Rahn is missed at Spartanburg, we hope this move will be Woodruff's gain.

Elb. W. H. Armstrong who has been getting material ready to put up a church at Bear Creek has just been called to the State of Pa, on account of serious-illness of his mother. This aged Sister is not expected to live.

J. A. Wooddall a holiness minister who has lately accepted the Present Truth is now attending the Canvassers Institute at Aiken to prepare to canvass while he is making a thorough study of the Third Angels Message to prepare to present the truth intelligently. I feel sure that this is a wise move on the part of brother Wooddall.

The Canvassers Institute now being held at Aiken provides an opportunity for a council of our South Carolina Workers to consider how the message can be wisely forwarded in the Southern portion of the State. Four members of the Conference Committee will be present during a part of the Institute.

R. T. Nash.

Encouraging Words From a Field Agent.

South Carolina is glad to welcome our little Union paper, the Field Tidings, and we wish for it a prosperous career. We are holding our Canvassers Institute for this state, in the beautiful city of Aiken S. C. and we feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for the bright prospects, before

us for the coming year, in the circulation of our Message filled Literature. Those who are attending the Institute express themselves in words of thankfulness for the privilege of a meeting of this character. While our corps of workers will not be so large as we would like to see, yet they are an earnest consecrated little band and we feel of a good courage. We salute our beloved brethren of other states in this Union and pray that God may help us all to work while the day last.

H. B. Gallion

GEORGIA.

Elder W. C. White was a pleasant caller at the office on his way from Nashville to Washington.

I feel certain that the Georgia brethren will welcome the new paper, "Field Tidings," and especially when they learn that it is our S. E. U. Conf. paper and published at our school in Graysville.

We hope to hear from our workers, from time to time, through its columns doubtless you will have experiences, in your work, that would be of great interest to others, as well as a source of encouragement.

We are pleased to make mention of the good canvassers institute, just closed in Atlanta, we had a much better attendance than last year and the greater part of those present were experienced canvassers, but they felt their need of a better preparation for the work, entered into the study of principles relative to this important line, with earnestness.

It was a pleasure for me to spend as much time as possible with them and give what instruction I could in the mean time. Brother Cole, was present all the time and his services were valuable, and brother Manus, was on hand and assisted much in the instruction and plans for work.

The class closed up their work and started out to the field with courage, the most part of them going to the southern part of the state to labor.

May the united prayers of the children of God ascend to the throne of grace in behalf of these God fearing, noble, men and women, that success may follow their efforts and thousands of pages of truth may be scattered.

G. W. WELLS.

We are beginning to receive letters and reports from the canvassers since the institute closed.

These letters all have the sound of courage and push in them as will be seen by reading a few extracts.

One says: "Surely the Angel of the Lord is in this place. Praise the Lord". This canvasser took \$54.00 worth of orders last week.

Another says: "I hand you herewith my report for my first weeks work, which I presume is pretty good for a green hand. I must say that I enjoy this work much and I am so thankful.

A. L. MANUS.

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EDITORIAL.

This is the first issue of the new South Eastern Union Conference organ—"FIELD TIDINGS". Its scope will be that which is usually accorded to papers of this character, and it is the hope of the management to fill its pages with such live matter, that its regular visits will be much appreciated in the homes of our people.

We desire to keep these columns filled with live reports from the workers in the different conferences of this field. We want our brethren and sisters to write us whenever they may be able to gather items of interest. We hope that each individual worker in each conference will not fail to write to us at least once in two weeks telling us what he is doing, if he is doing no more than "Holding the ropes". Our brethren are anxious to know where each worker is located and what experiences are coming to him.

We are new to the journalistic field and crave the forbearance of our readers. We shall try to learn how to make this paper fill the needs of the field.

To this end we ask our brethren to inform us wherein they see improvement may be made.

Union Conference notes.

Sabbath and Sunday January 15 and 16 were good days for the company at Asheville as it was the occasion of the dedication of one of the prettiest little churches we have ever seen among Seventh-day Adventists.

Through the liberality of sister Rumbough a neat and commodious church building and a parsonage adjoining have been erected and are now being used by D. A. Parsons in the furtherance of the Message of Truth. Starting with the dedicatory service which was conducted by Elders Dowsett, Parsons and the Writer an encouraging attendance has been seen and we look forward to a successful effort at this place. A valuation of about \$ 11,000.00 in the hands of the Union Conference Association is secured to the advancement of the cause of God and we praise the Lord for His leadings in this important center.

The erection of the colored church and school building at Atlanta has almost reached its conclusion and we expect that before another number of this paper reaches its readers that we shall have had the dedicatory services for the same. The church will seat about 150 and the school will accommodate about 75 pupils. When we consider the great disadvantages that have been the portion of this company in the past, we know that many hearts will be full of praise to God for His blessings along this line.

We are pleased to report that the patronage at the Atlanta Sanitarium is encouraging. While we have plenty of room for more patients, we are full of courage and gratitude to God for the help He has thus far given and we bespeak a helpful word on the part of every interested reader that your friends may know of this retreat where health and strength can be had along the lines that God has indicated to us.

Our brethren and sisters every where in the Union and especially those engaged in the canvassing work, will rejoice to learn of the action of the joint session of the three Southern Unions in voting to establish a branch office of the publishing house at Atlanta Ga. This will put us all in close touch with a center of distribution and will enable us to get supplies at the earliest possible notice so that we can the better prosecute the work of the Master.

Among the important actions taken by the Union Conference committee at its late session was to vote authority to officers of the Union to proceed at once to the erection of a Union headquarters building in the city of Atlanta. This will give long needed accommodations and will also make room for the branch publishing just mentioned. More later.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

Here And There.

Our readers will be glad to know that the total amount of Thanksgiving offering, sent thus far to the Union Conference office amounts to, \$549.65 to date, from the different conferences as follows, viz.— Cumberland \$188.69, North Carolina \$81.69, South Carolina \$260.71 and Florida \$163.48. About one-third of the amount sent in from Georgia is from the isolated ones.

We have word from the Southern Publishing Assn., that Atlanta has the honor of sending in the first club order from our Union Conference for the new missionary paper the Gospel Sentinel. One hundred and seventy-five copies were ordered for six months, and seven individual subscriptions were ordered. We sincerely hope that every church and company in our Union will see that a consistently large club is taken by each of them in the very near future, as the price is only twenty five cents in clubs of five or more and fifty cents for single subscription.

The General Conference will hold its next session in Washington, D. C., May 13 to June 6 of this year. It has been decided to publish a Daily Bulletin which will give quite a full and perfect report of the proceedings, and will be mailed promptly each day to all who order it. No doubt this will be the largest and in every respect the most important council ever held by this denomination. No family can afford to be without the Bulletin and by its daily visits you will be in touch with this mighty gathering of God's servants who have come from all parts of the wide harvest-field to do the King's business. All orders should be sent through your state office.

The price of the Bulletin is fifty cents for the time of the General Conference, and it will be worth many times its price. Do not wait until nearly the time of the conference, and be disappointed in not getting the first issues promptly, but order at once.

Helen D. Dowsett,

"When the mind is pure, and the thoughts elevated by the truth of God, the words will be of the same character."