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BAHAMA ISLANDS MISSION

Perhaps a report from this new addition to your territory may be of interest. After eight years in the Lesser Antilles we attended the General Conference and then came here.

The Bahamas extend nearly eight hundred miles from north to south, and about half as far from east to west.

There are over seven hundred islands, islets and cays, and over twenty five hundred rocks, and reefs. Treacherous currents and frequent fierce, squalls, and hurricanes, which make navigation very difficult and dangerous. Small sailing vessels are the only means of communication among the islands. Nassau being the only place touched by the few steamers that visit the group. We have a steamer from New York once in two weeks and one from Canada, once a month, and during the tourist season, there is frequent communication with Miami, Florida.

Sponge fishing and production of hemp, or sisal, and pineapples are the chief industries.

There are only about twenty-five of the islands that are permanently inhabited by any considerable number of people. Nassau, the capital and metropolis of the group, is on the island of New Providence, which is about twenty-five miles long and about half as wide and contains about ten thousand people.

This island is just one great coral rock, with a little soil here and there in the holes and crevices. However, what little soil there is, seems to be very productive, as all kinds of vegetables are produced, and the wild vegetation is very dense.

Some of the islands are covered with valuable pine forests, of the great hard or yellow variety. Aside from the quite extensive lumbering plant on Abaco, there are no facilities of utilizing it.

The islands are bathed in the warm waters of the Gulf Stream and frost is unknown. The temperature varies but little from 72 degrees, the year round. However, in the summer months, disastrous hurricanes frequently sweep over the islands, doing great damage to shipping and the crops, and often destroying buildings and many lives, as well.

One such visited them last year and the people are in constant suspense, fearing another visitation. Warnings are sent out from the Government Weather Bureau in Washington, locating these disturbances and outlining their course. It is wonderful how they are able to do this so accurately.

The beautiful, varying and ever changing

colors and tints of the sea, here are not surpassed, if equaled, by any other place in the world.

We are comfortably settled and doing what we can to publish the message by house to house and other personal work, using the printed page as an entering wedge. We find the people friendly and many are interested to know more of our people and work. We hope soon to begin to hold public meetings. Aside from the work of the canvassers, years ago, it is virgin territory for our message. We have found some Sabbath keepers and have organized a Sabbath School of eight members, which we hope will grow. We are praying that the Lord will send some rugged strong, missionary canvassers to help us "gather up these fragments that nothing be lost," for it is only by the work of the colporteur that these scattered islands can be worked. We will be glad to receive clean, late numbers of any of our periodicals, for free distribution. Please prepay postage fully. We desire a part in the interest and prayers of the saints.

W. A. AND FANNIE B. SWEANY.

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THE FLORIDA SANITARIUM

July 5 we left Tampa, Fla. intending to go to the Graysville Sanitarium, or to the mountains near there, on account of Mrs. Webster's health. While at Orlando consulting with Elder Parmelee about our work we decided to remain there for a time to see what could be done for her at the Florida Sanitarium, while I helped Brother W. H. Branson in a tent effort three miles away, a report of which has already appeared in Field Tidings.

This is a delightful place, and the doctors and nurses were very kind and attentive. While the heat at this time of year was very oppressive and rather against her, still, by the careful attention of physicians and the faithful work of the nurses and the blessing of God, Mrs. Webster gained steadily until she was in better health than for many months.

We look back to that privilege, to those pleasant associations, to the quiet and peaceful surroundings at the Florida Sanitarium, as one of the pleasant places in life. It was one of those experiences that is so refreshing and helpful that occasionally come into our lives to cheer and strengthen.

Although the summers are longer, their heat is not so intense and prostrating as that in some of the Northern States, there being a delightfully cool breeze nearly every day, and gen-

erally cool nights for refreshing sleep. The pine woods surrounding the buildings shedding forth their life-giving ozone, the beautiful lakes but a few rods away affording delightful bathing and boating exercises, the equipment of the institution, the experience and efficiency of physicians and nurses, all assure success to this sanitarium, and offer inducements to prospective patients such as can be secured in a very few places. Send to the Florida Sanitarium, Orlando, Fla. for announcements and information. If possible induce your sick neighbors and friends to try the virtue of the methods of this institution.

E. W. WEBSTER.

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The Cumberland Conference

Many who were at the camp-meeting have asked regarding the interest which was started there and so we send a few lines to give the latest news we have from this place. Immediately after the camp-meeting the writer was asked by the conference committee to take charge of the work there, as Elder Pogue had, under the advice of the doctor, gone with his family to Minnesota.

The attendance after the tent was removed down into the town still remained very good and a strong interest led us to dwell upon the claims of God's law and our obligation in regard to the Sabbath of Jehovah. When we left Athens, September 20 there were some thirty-two who had given there names as determined to keep the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment and many others are still in the valley of decision. We trust that many more will take hold of the Truth of God and while there may be some who will be stony ground hearers, still we have confidence that others will take the place of any who may fall by the way.

Elder Shoup, formerly of the Southern New England Conference, has connected with the work at Athens and assisted by Prof. Brownsberger from Asheville and brother J. H. Dortch from Graysville will continue the work. Sisters Dortch, Rose, and Meister also are busy calling upon the people and holding bible readings with them.

Elder Sanford is asked to visit the company at Cleveland for the quarterly occasion and attend to some baptisms which have been called for.

Any who may have communications regarding the work in the Cumberland conference may address the writer at Graysville, and any suggestions regarding the work will be thankfully received as we have been asked by the conference committee to take charge of the work in the conference during the absence of Elder Pogue.

We were glad to have with us Elder Strachan, the Union Conference Negro Mission secretary, during the entire camp for the colored which was held at Cleveland. The evening attendance was very good at this meeting and we trust that much of the blessing of God will attend the effort put forth at this time. Elder J. W. Christian was present as was also the writer for a few days of the camp, and we were cheered to note the good spirit which prevailed and the zeal which fills our colored brethren to see the work go forward.

Especially were the labors of Elder Strachan

appreciated and as he laid before the brethren and sisters the advancement of the cause and the unity of Christ as shown in the organized work, there was a noble response and a pressing together which betokens only good for the work among the many colored who are waiting for God's message in the Cumberland conference.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

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"THE PASTIME SALOON"

"Whoever named it named it well," for it is the brilliant lights, the attractive music, and jolly associates that lure the unsuspecting youth to spend a little "pastime" in the gilded palaces of sin. Some one has observed that most young men who fall are ruined after supper. How true! Something for a change after the day's work is done!

How important that our homes be attractive and provide as a pastime something that is pleasant and profitable. What is more enjoyable than reading a good book. While you have been rested and refreshed, you feel that you have gained something of value beside.

To travel with Henry Harper through the land of Palestine, to enjoy with Dr. Reed his bird neighbors, to study with Samuel Zwemer, on the ground, that wonderful phenomena of history, the rise of Mohammedanism, to review with Elder Loughborough the providences of God in connection with the Advent Message, and to listen to quiet talks by S. D. Gordon on the elements of service in the Christian life, are among the pleasures in store for those who choose to spend their spare moments this year in profitable reading.

Have you received from your Missionary Volunteer Secretary the Reading Course leaflet yet? The books to be read are as follows:

Missionary Volunteer Reading Course No. 3.

1. Quiet Talks On Service. Cloth seventy-five cents.

2. The Moslem World. Cloth fifty cents, paper thirty-five.

3. The Great Second Advent Movement. Cloth \$1.25, paper fifty cents.

Junior Reading Course No. 2.

1. Letters From The Holy Land. Cloth fifty cents, paper twenty-five.

2. Three historical books of the Bible.

3. My Garden Neighbors. Cloth \$1.00.

Numbers one and two in the Missionary Volunteer course will be ordered from the Review and Herald, Washington, D. C. Number one in the Junior course from the Pacific Press, Mountain View, Cal. The others through any of our Tract Societies or publishing houses.

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GEORGIA ITEMS

The tent-meeting at Tifton has awakened quite an interest. Some are seriously considering the message. We learned of one who kept the next Sabbath after hearing a discourse on that subject.

I visited the Macon Sabbath Sept. 11th and organized a church of sixteen members. Brother John K. Macmillan was chosen leader, sis-

SUPPLEMENT

CANVASSING REPORT

For two Weeks, Ending Sept. 18, 1909.

Southeastern Union Conference.

Name, Book, Hrs., Ords., Value, Total, Del

CUMBERLAND

For two weeks, ending Sept. 24

South Carolina for four weeks

CUMBERLAND

Harry Watt	BFL	40				21.25
R. A. Judy	BFL	146	44	44.50	88.20	40.45
John Meister	BFL	58	28	33.50	33.50	58.50
C. N. Cowdry	CK	90	4	5.00	14.85	1.00
J. T. Utzman	CK	95	29	41.00	41.50	48.25
J. W. Purvis	CK	126	18	21.00	29.65	35.75
Fred Meister	CK	103	22	29.45	28.75	164.00
Clara Meister	BFL	97	22	25.00	35.75	112.50
Bethel Skinner	BFL	93	14	15.00	28.00	94.74
Mrs. A. D. Day	BFL	5	7	8.00		2.00
Albert Carlson	GC	13	7	18.25	18.75	
Mrs. R. A. Judy	BFL	5	7	8.00		2.00

FLORIDA

W. K. Achénback	GC	15	6	16.00	17.00	
Royal Hubbel	BFL	84	76	80.35	98.35	

SOUTH CAROLINA

I. R. Harden	DR	40				41.50
Rose Lull	Misce	3				4.40
E. A. Wing	SD SP	50	82	61.75	61.75	9.75
J. B. Rise	DR	90	42	68.50	68.50	7.25
J. B. Case	DR	20	3	3.75	5.00	3.25
H. B. Gallion	GC	10	2	5.50	5.50	2.75
W. B. Jenkins	Misce	40				

NORTH CAROLINA

W. J. George	GC	64	38	111.50	116.80	805
J. W. Moore	DR	68	33	57.75	58.25	1.50
T. T. Stepp	DR	38	13	24.75	28.10	3.25
W. E. Lainer	DR	87	58	104.75	112.00	16.75
G. L. Kerley	DR	41	4	10.00	11.25	5.75
M. L. Branch	DR	68	14	26.50	30.25	3.75
O. R. Steed	CK	26	8	8.00	18.90	6.90
H. D. Arkins	CK	63	77	77.00	78.50	1.50
H. B. Hahn	CK	4			2.50	3.50
J. P. Alran	CK	24			4.55	38.55
Amelia Webster	PGH	15				15.00
Irregular	Misc	20	11	13.25	18.75	20.75

Summary

Cumberland	Total	870	195	238.75	319.50	591.95
South Carolina	Total	293	129	139.20	1.34	115.10
North Carolina	Total	518	256	433.50	475.85	124.25
Florida	Total	99	82	96.35	115.35	

NOTICE

On account of an accidental breaking of a chase and the pieing of a page of type it was impossible to print No. 19 of Field Tidings on time.

Our boys have sorted the type and reset the page and we are issuing No. 19 under the current date. We are very sorry for this accident and crave for bearance of our readers.—Ed.

er Munch treasure and sister Herin clerk. The Lord came near and unified our hearts in Christian love. The little flock felt much encouraged.

According to the advice of the committee Elder Shadel and the writer began tent-meetings in Savannah Friday night the 17th inst. The attendance has been good from from the first. About one hundred are coming through the week and quite a few more Sunday. Brother Shadel has worked faithfully in preparing for the effort by visiting and distributing the Family Bible Teacher. Sister Kenyon has connected with the work here and we hope to have Sister Osborne soon.

Good reports are coming in from the canvassers. Our literature is falling like the leaves autumn in many places and is working like leaven. I stepped into a drug store yesterday and found the proprietor reading one of our tracts on the Sabbath question. The tract was placed before him on his cash register so that he could quickly refer to it between customers. He said I have just finished reading "The Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast." It made a wonderful impression on my mind.

The annual collection for the colored work will be taken on Oct. 2. May we not express our burden and interest in this long neglected people by making a liberal offering at that time. Church elders and leaders will please make a special effort to interest their flock calling attention to it the Sabbath before.

All orders for tracts and periodicals should be sent to the Georgia Tract Society, 169 Bryan St. Atlanta.

C. B. STEPHENSON,

Savannah, Ga.

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THE FALL MISSIONARY

CAMPAIGN IN NORTH CAROLINA

We did something last year with the missions number of the "Review" and this year we ought to do much more. Let us plan at once to begin by ordering through the librarian, or the missionary secretary, the number of Reviews you will distribute. Please do not delay sending your order, for it is important that the orders be sent in early, so the papers may be printed and ready for use when you want them.

The Reviews are furnished free to use in preparing the way for soliciting money for our needy mission field. It will be an excellent number, and we should take pleasure in circulating it for the advancement of such a grand and sacred work. There is blessing in it, not only for the cause of God in the regions beyond, but for ourselves, and those who receive and read the paper and donate their means for missions. Surely no loyal Seventh-day Adventist should hesitate to engage in a work that has so many blessings in it for all who have a part in it.

M. H. BROWN.

Missionary Secretary, N. C. Conference.

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THE COLORED WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA

Our work is onward in the state. We have nothing but praises to offer for the wonderful way in which the Lord has lead. Since the be-

ginning of the year we have exceeded the truth. April 1st we organized the Greenville church with 17 members. April 24th, another one was organized at S. C. with 11 members. May 2nd, 16 members were added and became part of the Greenville church number 2.

The 20th Century Gospel Campaign began its first tent effort at Sumter, S. C. July 4th, and continued till Aug. 30th, with large attendance from the beginning to the end. The last night I was requested to debate the Sabbath question with one of the Hebrew and Greek professors of the Kandall academy. Fully 400 listened to the debate till 12 o'clock that night. Dr. Frier-son, the Hebrew and Greek scholar was put to shame in less than 30 minutes after the affirmative side was taken. The people of the city petitioned the tent to remain. The county sheriff and some of the court officials came to our meetings every night. The white people of the city have asked about a tent for the white people. I hope their desires will be realized soon. I believe if a tent effort for the whites could be had, a church of whites could be raised up.

Some took their stand for the tent at Sumter among which is the ex-postmaster, and ex-clerk of the pension bureau of Washington D. C. This man was once a member of the legislature of this state. He is well educated and shows signs of ability for valuable service in the future. I closed Sunday, with baptism and Quarterly meeting.

We have begun a new effort at Columbia, S. C. Our tents are nicely located in Spring Park" corner Marion and Elwood Aves. We hope to be able to raise up a church here before the cold weather sets in. Our courage is good, health excellent.

20th CENTURY GOSPEL CAMPAIGN
Columbia, S. C.

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Did any of our readers, read in the REVIEW, about a sister in Portland, Maine, seventy three years of age selling 1000 copies of the September number of LIFE AND HEALTH in less than four weeks? This same sister has placed an order for 500 copies of the October issue to begin another months work. Think of it, seventy-three years, selling 1000 copies a month, and earning \$70, and bringing blessing to thousands of homes besides. None are too old or too young for our periodical work.

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A CORRECTION

In the first article of the last number of "Tidings." The reference to the amount of increase in tithe receipts in Georgia should have read \$1600. instead of \$16.00.

We humbly beg the pardon of our readers for this error.—Ed.

ADDRESS

The permanent address of Elder G. W. Wells President of the North Carolina conference is Hilderbran N. C.

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE GEORGIA CAMI-MEETING

Resolution 1. Recognizing the continued blessings of our Heavenly Father as manifested in the advancement of the Third Angel's Message in our conference during the past year, as is shown in the substantial increase of membership and the financial prosperity that has attended the work, we would, as a Conference, express our gratitude to God for His manifold mercies, and strive to show our appreciation therefore by greater consecration and renewed efforts to carry this gospel to those who sit in darkness.

Resolution 2. Whereas, the calls that have come to us through the Spirit of Prophecy indicate that we have been negligent in carrying forward the work for the colored race to the extent that it should have been prosecuted, and whereas, we shall take more vigorous steps in this direction, therefore,—

Resolved, That in harmony with the action of the General Conference and following the plans suggested by the Union Conference Committee, a negro mission be organized in our territory, and that said mission shall be in charge of a committee of five members, two of whom shall be colored, and further resolved, that in harmony with the instruction of the Lord, we pledge our hearty co-operation and financial support to the furtherance of the work in the negro mission for the colored people of our conference.

Resolution 3. That in harmony with the suggestions made by the Union Conference Committee, we advise the establishment of a Union Conference Emergency and Equipment Fund, and pledge our support to the sustenance thereof.

Resolution 4. Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to be more faithful in paying tithes and offerings, and that we encourage the ten-cent-a-week plan of systematic giving.

Resolution 5. Resolved that Canvassers send two reports each week, on blanks provide for that purpose,—one to the field missionary agent, and the other to the Southern Publishing branch at Atlanta.

Resolution 6. We recommend that our lay members be encouraged to take a more general interest in this line of work.

Whereas, The Testimonies say that "If there is one work more important than another it is that of getting our publications before the people, thus leading them to search the scriptures."

Resolution 7. We recommend that our workers and churches encourage many more of our lay members to engage in this line of work.

Whereas the schools at Graysville and at Huntsville, in connection with the Southern Publishing Assn, branch have offered the scholarship plan in order to assist worthy young people to secure an education that will better fit them for usefulness in the Cause; therefore.

Resolution 8. Resolved, That we urge our young people to avail themselves of this good offer, and ask our people to co-operate in this matter by rendering assistance in a practical way whenever possible.

Whereas, the opportunities for spreading the Message in foreign lands are far greater than the means with which to work, and Whereas our Sabbath-schools need the spiritual value to be derived from rendering definite assistance to foreign missions by giving freely of our means, therefore,—

Resolution 9. Resolved, that in harmony with the action taken by the General Conference, our Sabbath-schools give all their donations to missions, providing for the expenses of the school in some other way.

Whereas, many of our young people have had very meager advantages for becoming thoroly acquainted with doctrinal points of our faith to the extent that they could be able to detect the expert counterfeits of Satan from the genuine truths of God's Word and Whereas, It is planned that in the future the Society lessons as contained in the youth's Instructor shall be on Bible doctrines, and that the Leading Course for 1909-1909 shall include our denominational history, therefore—

Resolution 10. We recommend to our young people this special opportunity of becoming familiar with the doctrinal points of our faith, thus becoming members of the Standard of Attainment.

Whereas, The reading of light literature is a growing tendency among our people, thus hindering the development of Christian growth; therefore.

Resolution 11. Resolved, That we show our appreciation of the efforts which have been made in behalf of the youth by the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference in preparing a Reading course for each successive year, by heartily co-operating with them.

Helen D. Dowsett,
Secretary.

Amount of tithes and offerings received by the treasurer of the Georgia Conference for year ending July 31, 1909

Tithes,	\$3861.27
Temperance Watchman	11.72
Toluca School	1.50
Annual Offerings	101.35
\$8000.00 Fund	10.00
Aged and Poor	50.21
Book Profits	76.15
Canvasser's Fund	47.07
Colored Building Fund	29.90
Donations—Laborers	56.83
Emergency Fund	171.50
Foreign Missions	264.11
Miscellaneous Fund	2.15
Harvest Ingathering	3.55
Georgia Education	30.75
India	7.17
Mid Summer offering	143.87
Missionary Volunteers	1.07
\$150,000.00	2.01
October Collections	18.70
Religious Liberty	14.14
Thanksgiving	317.39
Sabbath-School Offerings	317.35
Total gain on tithes for the year	\$1662.34
Total gain on offerings for the year	901.75

Total gains \$2564.09
Hellen, D. Dowsett.