

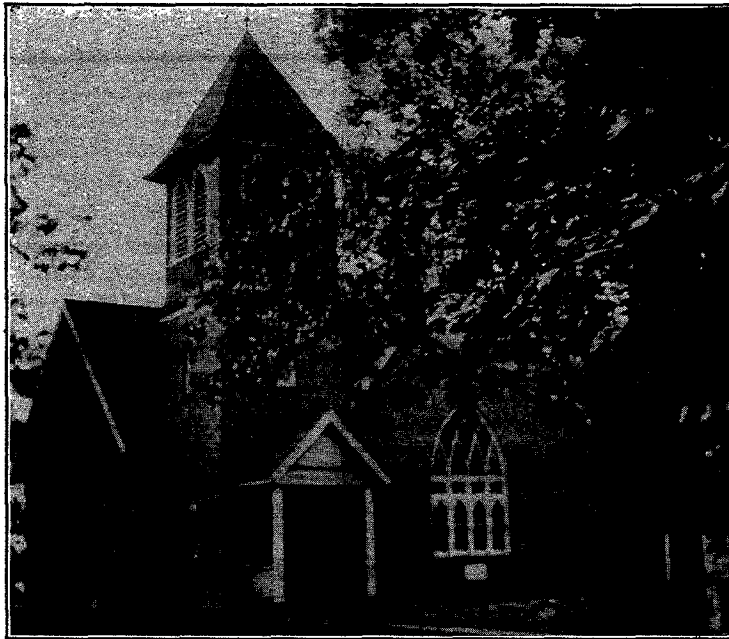
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ASHEVILLE CHURCH

ASHEVILLE MISSION

As we review the work the Lord has done in Asheville we can truly say blessed be the name of the Lord.

In 1907, Mrs. J. E. Rumbough, a wealthy lady who had become interested in the truth through reading, turned over to the North Carolina conference two hundred dollars to be used in the support of a canvasser in that field, and she built a colored church building as there were more colored members than white.

In the summer of 1908, she began the erection of a church building and parsonage for the whites, and in August, Elder Wilkinson while visiting the camp-meetings stopped off at Asheville, on his way to the Cumberland meeting. As he looked over the situation he felt that something should be done for the work there at once, and asked Elders Westworth and

Dowsett to make the place a visit as soon as possible and see what could be done. When they studied the field, they felt that a large city effort should be carried on and as the North Carolina conference was not in a position to carry on such an aggressive effort it was decided that the Union take the city over as mission territory, and work it until the field should be self-supporting. That this was the wise policy, the effort of the past summer has demonstrated. It meant an outlay of means, but it brought returns, as thirty have taken a stand for the Truth, and we feel that the work has just begun.

November 13, we organized a church of thirty-two members and among those who went forward in baptism and united as a charter member was Sister Rumbough, the one who donated the property. She thoroughly believes all the points of the of the Truth and will be a great help to the work in this Union.

The value of the property that Sister Rumbough turned over to the Union conference is \$12,842.00, and in the near future she expects to build an addition to the church to be used as a school building. Last summer the expense of running the effort was \$185.87, and the offerings and donations amounted to \$446.54. Of course this does not include salary or the cost of the tents, seats, fixtures, etc., as these things mean a large expense to the Union conference.

We feel that the Lord has greatly blessed, for, besides organizing the church, we have a church school with twenty-four students, which means that the members are raising about \$40.00 a month besides the regular expenses and offerings.

The Asheville colored church has a membership of twenty-two and the church school enrollment of about twenty, altogether there is a total membership of fifty-four, and the ones who will unite in the near future will bring it up to about seventy-five. The total tithe paid into the Union treasury from Asheville amounts to \$324.53.

We have found the hearts of the people ready to receive the Truth, and have been unable to fill the openings for Bible readings. Those associated with Mrs. Martin and myself in the effort were Brother and Sister W. O. Cluff and Sister Amelia Webster. Prof. Spaulding took charge of the music. There was harmony in every detail of the work. Sister Annie Suffcool, an experienced Bible worker from Wisconsin, is here now and has more openings for readings than she can fill.

The city was ready for the effort, and we have tried to follow the Lord's leadings. To His name is given all the praise for the success that has attended the efforts.

Asheville N. C.

I. N. MARTIN.

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FROM GEORGIA

The boys are full of courage, and the work is moving along nicely. The tidings from the field are very encouraging as we see how God can take frail human beings and make them a real blessing to the world. This should, it seems to me, inspire every one to lay hold on God by faith so that they, too, could be a blessing to poor humanity. Reader, are you not thankful that people who are poor in this world's goods can go forward in the Lord's work? We should not stay out of the work because we have no bank account, for just at this point God in His goodness tests us who are in needy circumstances, but let's be indeed Abraham's children. Now

it is said of Abraham that he believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Rom. 4:3. Beloved in the Lord, those of us who may have been reasoning with ourselves *thus*, if I had enough to live on for a few months or a year I'd go into the work now, and give it a trial; believe God as did our father Abraham. Isa. 61:1-6.

W. S. FULLBRIGHT, *Field Agent.*

FLORIDA ITEMS

Three tent efforts are to be conducted in our conference this season.

Elder J. W. Manns is now in East Palatka with the tent for the colored work.

Elder Parmele in company with Brother C. V. Achenbach, will, in a few days, go to St. Petersburg to conduct a tent effort there.

The meetings in Miami have begun. Elder Webster and Brother Whitford have been very busy in making necessary preparations for the meetings. Many favors have been granted them by the people there. A lot on which to pitch the tent and lumber for use during the meetings has been given them free of charge. At the close of the Lockhart effort Brother Branson joined the brethren in their work at Miami.

February 6, the tent effort in Lookhart closed with pleasing results. A church organization was perfected there consisting of 13 charter members. Others will join soon. The new church building was dedicated the following day, free from debt.

Excellent reports came from all the Sabbath-schools last quarter. The Jacksonville church headed the list in the largest amount of offerings. \$31.00 was given by this one school.

The total offerings from the schools the last quarter were \$229.63 all of which goes to the needy mission fields. One new school was added to the list.

Orders are coming in from some of our church missionary secretaries for tracts, magazines, books, etc., to be used in missionary work. Let all the missionary secretaries become enthused and magnify the office to which they have been chosen. Let us revive the old time tract society work. A live church is a working church.

Several of the "King's Messengers" met with the Bartow church last Sabbath. Their testimonies were beaming with cheer and courage. Their reports were wonderful and show plainly that the hearts of the people are being prepared to receive this precious truth. Brother S. T.

Page, who formerly was connected with the canvassing department in this conference, has again resumed the work and is meeting, with excellent success. Watch the canvasser's report in *Field Tidings* from week to week.

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PLANTING TIME IN FLORIDA.

If we were to take a ride through the country at this time of the year in Florida we would find the people very busy plowing and preparing the soil for the spring gardens and crops.

The other day while out for a ride and seeing so many employed in this way, it called to my mind one of the little meetings with the children at our last camp-meeting. That day was set apart for missionary-day with the children and they came with their offerings to lay on the altar for Jesus. It did us all good to see their little faces beam with delight as in their little hands they were holding closely something for the Lord. Some of the shining dollars their hands were to small to cover.

After collecting these offerings, which amounted to over nine dollars, opportunity was given them to tell how they had gotten their money to bring. We noticed that it was nearly all from one Sabbath-school in this conference. They had started with five cents each. With this they had planted a little garden of peanuts, cotton, or vegetables and from which some had made two dollars. Some had done one thing and some another, having only a mite to commence with. I was thinking that if every Sabbath-school in the conference, along with our isolated ones, would all do as well as the Jennings Lake Sabbath-school last year, what a nice offering the children would be able to bring at our next camp-meeting. What a happy day it would be for them.

As I watched the people at work tilling the soil I wondered how many of the little folks in this conference are at work in their gardens for the Lord this year. How many of the Sabbath-school superintendents, teachers, and parents are encouraging the children in this way? "Train up a child in the way he should go: when he is old, he will not depart from it." We may think that if we have our children attend all the services on the Sabbath-day we are training them for the Lord. There is a practical side to the Christian's life. Work goes with faith. The foreign missionary finds in his new field there is something to do besides preach, sing, and do Bible work. He must be effectual in the practical part of life.

May the children, and all, look at the life of

Christ. His early days were spent in toiling with his father, and yet at the early age of 12 he said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?"

Children, we all have a business for the Lord. We must help in carrying this Gospel to all nations. How many of the children in Florida can have a missionary garden this year for the Lord? Let us see what an offering we can bring to the camp-meeting this year as a result of our work. If we are situated where we can not have a garden we can do something else. One little girl made holders and brought a shining dollar.

Encourage the children. In earning their own money they will know better how to value their offering and something of the plan of salvation, and what it means to carry the Gospel to every kindred, nation, tongue and people.

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be." MRS. R. G. STRINGER.

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CANVASSERS INSTITUTE, WOOD-RUFF, SOUTH CAROLINA

Canvasser's institute for South Carolina closed February 5. Nine canvassers exclusive of the teachers were present. A very pleasant and profitable session was had; courage and renewed zeal have come to all. The class drill was conducted by Brother Gallion, on Great Controversy, and several will begin work at once with this book while others will commence a little later. Two companies will be immediately formed. One will operate at Union, the other at Chester. I fully expect a mighty increase in work and in results in our field. The good spirit of brotherly love and unity prevails. Brother Gallion, our state canvassing agent, has the good will and confidence of all, and he is planning aggressive work all along the line. Courage is the watchword, success our purpose, the salvation of precious souls our object. Each of the canvassers purposes to do what he can, not only himself to work in the vineyard, but to help re-enlist others.

All express appreciation of the kindness and hospitality of Brother and Sister Rahn in opening their large and commodious house to the free use of those in attendance. T. H. JEYS.

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CANVASSING REVIVED

I am sure we all are glad to see the progress the canvassing work is making in Florida. Surely nothing is impossible with the Lord,

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and what is being done there should certainly be an encouragement to every part of the Lord's great harvest field, for, just a few months in the past it was considered one of the weakest of the weak in this special line of work. Brethren should not all of us take courage? Pray more frequently, and work more courageously that this zeal may take possession of each and every heart; push the battle to the gate of the enemy and make 1910 the best year of our life work.

We have just closed one of the best little institutes here in South Carolina, I think, that I ever attended. It is true that it was not very large, but a spirit of zeal and earnestness fastened itself on every one at the beginning, such as is seldom seen, and it lasted all the way through the meeting.

And why should we wonder at these things? For the time has come, the hour has struck, when the Lord wants to do wonderful things for his people in finishing the work. May all let Him do it.

V. O. COLE.

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CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

News Notes

Elder O. M. Kittle of Johnson City has been on the sick list since our Union conference, but is convalescent now.

Elder Charles Thompson, the president of our Union conference, has gone to Topeka Kansas to pack his goods and move his family to Graysville. Elder Stanley will have his household goods shipped from Kansas in the same car with Elder Thompson, locating at Chattanooga.

Maud Dortch has gone to Knoxville to spend a few days in behalf of some of her interested readers there.

Elder P. G. Stanley and S. F. Reeder visited the Church at Daylight, Tennessee, February 11 to 17.

Elder J. L. Shoup still reports a good attendance and excellent interest in his meetings at Athens.

Brother and Sister W. W. Williams are

now ready to connect with the work in our conference. After spending a short time at home, they will connect with the work at Athens

Elder P. G. Stanley, our conference president, spent January 29 and 30, with the church at Mission Ridge. Five meetings were held with them. The church officers were ordained by prayer and laying on of hands, Elder Sanford assisting in the ordination.

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INTERESTING FOOD OFFER

We have a special offer on Malt Extract. We know this will interest all who want to improve their foods at home. To properly understand the value of this wonderful product of nature you should read "Starchy Food Indigestion" in December "Life and Health". We have printed this valuable article on our special Malt Extract circular, offering your first lot free, with a shipment of foods, for a short time. Unless your name is on our mailing list you should write at once.

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REPORT OF THE CANVASSING WORK IN THE SOUTHEASTERN UNION, DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1910

CONF.	AGTS.	HRS.	ORDS.	VAL.	HPS.	TOTAL	DEL.
Fla.	21	895	801	\$1302.30	\$142.70	\$1445.00	\$351.60
N. C.	6	691	345	483.75	68.25	552.00	146.75
Ga.	10	444	153	319.50	67.25	386.75	53.95
S. C.	6	505	115	205.90	44.15	250.05	100.60
Cumb.	7	358	116	139.25	59.65	198.90	137.65
Total	50	2893	1530	2449.70	383.00	2832.70	714.05

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CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference.

For one week, ending Feb. 5.

Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Val.,	Total,	Del.
NORTH CAROLINA						
R. L. Underwood	DR	27	14	\$42.50	\$48.00	\$5.50
M. L. Branch	DR	10	1	1.75	3.25	15.50
J. P. Allran	CK	41			9.45	47.45
W. E. Lanier	CK	33	33	34.00	37.50	16.50
O. R. Steed	CK	16	2	2.00	3.50	1.50
W. H. George	Misc	30			10.00	10.00
GEORGIA						
R. O. Terry	DR	24			1.15	7.75
C. N. Bivens	DR	16	4	11.00	14.50	
R. M. Carter	DR	30	12	28.00	34.50	
B. N. Brown	DR	41	9	28.00	28.00	3.00
J. A. Suddeth	DR	40	8	28.00	27.50	5.00
Miss Emma Zook	CK	12	6	8.00	12.65	
B. F. Brown	CK	42	19	19.00	24.00	2.25
J. A. Kimmel	PGH	34	8	30.00	35.95	
D. A. Fisher	Misc	26			6.75	13.75

Summary

North Carolina	Total	157	50	80.25	111.70	96.45
Georgia	Total	265	56	152.00	195.00	31.75