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REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN UNION CONFERENCE SESSION

Atlanta, Georgia, Jan. 10-19, 1910

The brethren and sisters from the different portions of the field were glad to meet each other in biennial conference, and felt thankful to God it was their blessed privilege to meet to study and plan for the work in this needy field.

Elder Chas. Thompson, who had recently come to connect with the work in the Southeastern Union conference, acted as chairman. The following named persons were seated as delegates: Charles Thompson, A. G. Daniels, G. B. Thompson, C. F. McVagh, A. J. Haysmer, R. T. Dowsett, L. A. Hansen, Doctor Ruble, R. W. Parmele, G. W. Wells, T. H. Jeys, P. G. Stanley, C. B. Stephenson, M. B. VanKirk, E. R. Button, H. A. Shreve, Dr. M. M. Martinson, S. T. Shadel, W. S. Fulbright, A. L. Manous, J. E. Bowen, Miss Gradye Brooke, Mrs. H. D. Dowsett, Mrs. Mettie Lenker, Dr. J. H. Neall, H. L. Shoup, A. D. West, P. R. Kittle, E. L. Sanford, S. F. Reeder, R. L. Williams, C. W. Slade, Miss Maude Dortch, J. H. Dortch, I. M. Martin, M. H. Brown, H. B. Tilden, R. T. Nash, H. B. Gallion, E. W. Carey, S. B. Horton, R. Hook, L. D. Randall, Miss Minnie Sanderson, Miss Minnie Hildebran, M. C. Strachan, C. H. Moyers, G. H. Baber.

The business of the conference was transacted in twelve different meetings. A committee previously appointed by the executive committee to submit a report revising the constitution, reported. A copy of the constitution as revised will be sent to anyone interested.

Upon motion the chairman in consultation with the executive committee appointed the following standing committees:

Seating of Delegates;—E. L. Sanford, R. T. Nash, A. D. West.

Committee on Nomination;—A. J. Haysmer, H. A. Shreve, S. F. Reeder, C. B. Stephenson, H. B. Gallion.

Committee on Credentials;—and Licenses M. H. Brown, G. W. Wells, T. H. Jeys.

Committee on Plans and Finance;—R. W. Parmele, R. T. Dowsett, V. O. Cole, M. B. VanKirk, L. A. Hansen, P. G. Stanley, Mrs. Mettie S. Lenker.

Committee on Auditing;—The Executive Committee, J. E. Bowen, E. W. Carey, E. R. Button, R. L. Williams, G. B. Thompson.

Committee on Distribution of Labor;—the Presidents of the local conferences.

The nominating committee submitted their report and the following named persons were duly elected to the offices named.

Officers

Southeastern Union Conference President Elder Chas. Thompson, Vice president Elder C. B. Stephenson.

Secretary and Treasurer, Elder R. T. Dowsett, Religious Liberty Secretary, Elder Chas. Thompson, Educational Secretary Prof M. B. VanKirk, Medical Secretary Dr. J. H. Neall, Missionary Secretary Mrs. Helen D. Dowsett, Field Missionary Agent V. O. Cole.

Executive Committee

Chas. Thompson, C. B. Stephenson, R. T. Dowsett, G. W. Wells, P. G. Stanley, V. O. Cole, T. H. Jeys, R. W. Parmele, M. B. VanKirk, J. H. Neall.

Atlanta Sanitarium Board;—Chas. Thompson, R. T. Dowsett, C. B. Stephenson, Dr. J. H. Neall, V. O. Cole, L. D. Randall, and J. E. Bowen.

Greysville Sanitarium and Benevolent Association Board, Chas. Thompson, P. G. Stanley, M. B. VanKirk, C. H. Moyers, R. L. Williams, H. S. Miller and Dr. A. I. Lovell.

Negro Department of the Southeastern Union

Conference

Superintendent Chas. Thompson, Secretary and Treasurer R. T. Dowsett, Field Secretary M. C. Strachan.

Executive Committee Negro Department;—Chas. Thompson, R. T. Dowsett, M. C. Strachan, Superintendents of Local Negro missions, Sydney Scott, J. W. Manns, Wm. Maynor, and R. L. Williams.

The secretary's tabulated report was of

much interest to the delegates, as it showed the development of the local conferences during the biennial period. In studying the report it must be remembered that the Cumberland conference was divided at the time of the biennial meeting in 1907, and Kentucky was set off by itself as a

conference and united with the Southern Union Conference. That a portion of Florida west of the Appalachicola river was surrendered to the Southeastern Union Conference, thus making these two conferences much smaller in membership and resources.

Secretary's Report

Name of Conferences		No. of Churches	Membership	No. of Companies	Membership	No. of Church B'ld'gs	No. of Isolated Sabbath-keepers	Total Sabbath-keepers	Total Tithe Receipts	Tithe per Capita.	Total Ministers and Licentiates.	Licensed Missionaries and Bible Workers.	Book and Periodical Canvassers.	Total Offerings to Foreign Missions.
Cumb.	1905	18	547			9	4	551	\$6000.28	\$10.89	14	10	4	\$833.68
"	1907	18	480	9	82	10	14	576	7410.13	12.87	14	18	4	1050.24
"	1908	13	530	5	12	11	8	550	4666.16	8.48	4	2	8	1589.11
"	1909	13	525	5		12	30	555	5914.45	10.65	10	3	3	2282.37
Gain for Bien. Term	5	45		4		2	16	21	1495.68	2.22			6	1232.13
Fla.	1905	20	400	4	50	18		450	3930.70	8.73	12	15	6	603.14
"	1907	17	436	3	30	15	50	516	6587.68	12.76	11	20		1135.48
"	1908	20	460			17	40	500	6587.12	13.17	12	4	5	1930.03
"	1909	22	525			15	75	600	8039.50	13.40	13	17	4	2097.29
Gain for Bien. Term	5	89						84	1451.82	.64			6	961.81
Ga	1905	6	140	5	30		20	190	1382.24	7.27	4	6	6	210.09
"	1907	5	150	2	13	4	37	200	2444.13	12.22	3	8	10	207.58
"	1908	5	191	4	33	5	15	239	2473.98	10.35	3	4	12	933.15
"	1909	7	266	3	35	5		301	4582.98	15.22			10	1450.08
Gain for Bien. Term	2	116						101	2138.85	3.00	4			1142.58
N. C.	1905	11	245	5	40	6	55	340	2152.59	6.33	9	5		308.73
"	1907	11	233	12	38	6	57	328	2766.72	8.43	10	6	10	979.71
"	1908	13	277	10	50	10	57	384	2546.13	6.63	10	4	12	517.44
"	1909	13	276	2	42	8	32	350	2164.40	6.13	5	2		591.12
Gain for Bien. Term	2	42						22	602.32	2.30				388.59
S. C.	1905	4	73	2	15	1	25	112	1140.38	10.18	3	3		170.43
"	1907	5	125	10	81	4	7	213	1557.76	7.31	4	3		430.95
"	1908	9	174	8	51	4	25	250	1561.51	6.24	4	6		571.37
"	1909	9	217			4	44	261	1760.65	8.11	3	4		461.59
Gain for Bien. Term	4	82						48	202.89	.80				30.64

The treasurer's statement, with the auditor's certificate attached, will appear in the next issue of *Field Tidings*.

CHAS. THOMPSON, *Chairman*.

R. T. DOWSETT, *Secretary*.

FIELD TIDINGS

I desire to call the attention of all to the importance of subscribing for our Union Conference paper, "*Field Tidings*." It is the medium of communication for our conference work. And we propose to make it what its name implies. "Tidings from the field." It is now issued weekly, and facilities have been added so we can make it a first class paper. I am persuaded that all are pleased with the marked improvement since the beginning of the year, and you can have its weekly visits for 35¢ per annum.

The writer will have some important matter to contribute from time to time. The presidents and other laborers from the various conferences will keep it alive with reports and developments of the work. The canvasser's reports from week to week will be most interesting. A financial report will appear occasionally from the treasurer, and each department will have interesting items to contribute. Who could afford to miss its weekly visits. I am sure you will say "none." Therefore I want to urge every reader to put forth some effort in soliciting subscriptions. Every church elder should see that it regularly visits every home

represented in his church. The conference-laborers should see that it goes into the homes of the isolated. We are sure it will be a strong factor in building up the work in the Southeastern Union.

Acquaintance creates interest, "*Field Tidings*" will acquaint you with the work. This will deepen your interest, and thus we can all pull more intelligently because of being in harmonious touch with the work and with each other.

Subscribe with out delay.

CHAS. THOMPSON,
President Southeastern Union.

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CHATTANOOGA TENN.

Will say of our work since returning from the Southeastern Union conference, we have been able to begin our meetings at this place, which had to be discontinued on account of sickness. We have good interest and attendance.

Our new president, Brother P. G. Stanley, has been visiting us for a few days, and with his efficient help and good council, both here and at the church over the Ridge, we all feel to press on and make this year the banner year of our lives in the service of God.

Our readers at at Ridgdale, Hill City, and East Lake are still of good courage and a few of them talk now as though they would obey the Lord.

I wish to speak of Sister Bland's faithful work in giving Bible readings what time she could spare during the fall and winter, and as a result, two have begun to keep the Sabbath and live the light given. I believe if this good example would be followed by others we would see a larger number of our friends and neighbours interested in, and obeying the message for this time.

We are of good courage and to God be all the praise. Remember all the work and workers here in your prayers.

E. L. SANFORD.

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CANVASSERS EXPERIENCE

From a canvasser I get this experience. "One day at noon, I stopped at a home and asked the privilege to show my book "*Coming King*". Being busy washing, the lady refused.

As I was very tired on account of weakness, having been an invalid for ten or twelve years until recently, I asked her if I could stay and rest a while thinking that the lady might ask me to

have some dinner, but she refused me on this point also, so I quietly and prayerfully walked on. After working awhile and coming back on a different street, still selling "*Coming King*", I found myself face to face with the lady who had refused to look at my book, or let me rest awhile. This time she told me that she was sorry she had treated me so cruelly. Then she asked me into her home and the result was, I sold her a book."

This is one of many experiences.

W.S. FULLBRIGHT, *Field agent.*

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CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE,

NOTICE!

The Cumberland Conference having arranged to handle all orders for periodicals from individuals in its field, in harmony with a recommendation recently passed at the annual meeting of the Southern Publishing Association, has requested that all orders of this character be referred to their conference office—Minnie L. Hildebrand, treasurer, Graysville, Tenn. No further orders for periodicals should be addressed to this office, but orders for books should be sent to us as before until further notice.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASS'N *Atlanta, Ga.*

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GEORGIA

The Canvassers Institute which was held in Atlanta December 28 to January 8, followed by a three days Bookmen's Convention, was a most profitable and pleasant occasion. The sweet spirit of the meek and lowly One was manifestly present. We "boys" seemed to be refilled with courage, feeling that it was well to be there.

The same good spirit continued throughout the Union Conference meeting which followed January 11-18. While many important matters were transacted, perfect harmony and good will were enjoyed by all.

The Bible studies given by Elder Daniels were greatly appreciated.

Following the Union Conference I attended the meeting of the Southern Publishing Association at Nashville. Among the many things that were acted upon in that meeting was that the tract society work be organized and operated in all the conferences as early as consistent.

Upon returning to Atlanta and consulting with the committee we decided to put the plan into operation in Georgia. Our Tract Society is located at 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Georgia. Sis-

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ter Helen D. Dowsett is secretary. All orders for periodicals and tracts should be sent to our office and not directly to the publishing houses. Please remember this. The book business will continue as it is for the present.

I am now visiting our churches and companies. At one church, though but few were present, we raised nearly forty dollars on the \$300,000.00 fund. Good reports come from all the workers. Let us labor and pray that great things may be accomplished for God this year.

Our camp-meeting will be held at Griffin, July 21-31, unless providence otherwise directs. We should all begin now to plan to be there. Who can afford to miss camp-meeting?—not one.

The school house and church buildings at Alpharetta have received a new coat of paint and look much better indeed. Brethren, pray for us in Georgia. We need your prayers and help. Think of this great state with a population of two million two hundred thousand souls with only two ordained ministers. One minister to one million one hundred thousand people. The harvest is ripe but reapers few.

C. B. STEPHENSON.

NORTH CAROLINA

I made a short visit to Cleveland recently, and then on to Teagues, where we are to erect a church building. I found about all the lumber on the ground, and the work on the building commenced while I was there. They expect to put up a building twenty by thirty for the church, and then a smaller building attached, for school purposes.

Elder R. T. Nash, has moved his family to this state now and has located them at Cleveland. He will look after the building and also encourage the brethren in the work.

I made my first visit to Albemarle February 18, and spent several days with the brethren there. They seemed to be greatly encouraged by the studies given. Going on from there, I stopped off one night with the Archdale

church and spoke to them. February 23 and 24, was spent at the kind and hospitable home of Elder Brown, studying and planning for the future work in the conference.

I am now on my way to visit the isolated Sabbath-keepers in the eastern part of the state.

We are sorry the plans laid for a colored laborer in this conference has been so long delayed, but we hope to see this accomplished in the near future, and do a good strong work for them this season.

G. W. WELLS.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference.

For one week, ending Feb. 12.

Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Val.,	Total,	Del.
FLORIDA						
Mrs. E. R. Button	PPF	30	38	\$82.00	\$85.50	\$7.05
W. A. Morris	PG	2	2	7.00	7.75	7.00
Hattie Reed	BFL	35	17	21.00	22.75	15.00
Ella Thomas	BFL	23	9	10.00	10.50	3.25
J. E. Baker	CK	51	95	117.50	126.00	8.00
Mrs. T. I. Adams	CK	5	7	7.50	9.00	
Mary M. Cooke	Misc	7		5.50	5.50	2.00
Jas. H. Cooke	Misc	10		4.00	4.00	4.00
S. T. Page	PPF	46	10	22.00	22.50	154.00
Mary I. Manns	Misc	21	16	11.50	11.50	5.75
C. D. Wolff	Misc	126	155	122.50	112.50	93.50
G. S. Veeland	GC	91	64	219.00	236.50	6.50
M. S. Beldwin	PPF	62	178	450.40	451.30	.90
C. E. Soper	PPF	65	72	156.00	166.50	
Anna Orr	SP	30	36	50.00	50.00	5.55
Frieda Haegert	SD	30	36	50.00	50.00	5.75
J. M. Boyce	PPF	35	34	70.00	77.00	
W. G. Dick	BFL	32	23	29.00	32.00	4.50
Chas. Dyer	PG	12	7	21.00	21.00	3.00
E. T. Ware, Jr.	PPF	16	23	48.00	54.00	

SOUTH CAROLINA

R. I. Gilman	GC	60				52.50
Rose Lull	BFL	80	16	16.50	24.50	6.40
Jno. M. Wagner	SP	50	33	36.10	45.35	15.50
Harry Park	CK	2	2	2.00	2.00	
Mrs. H. Park	GC	3	1	3.00	3.00	
Mrs. Caroline Miller	Misc	24	4	1.00	6.20	6.20

for two weeks ending Feb. 19.

GEORGIA

R. M. Carter	DR	22	8	20.00	25.00	
K. O. Terry	DR	32	3	9.00	13.20	8.75
B. N. Brown	DR	24	7	21.00	21.00	
I. Suddeth	DR	38	8	19.00	25.25	5.50
T. A. Fisher	GC	17	4	15.00	21.00	1.50
B. F. Brown	CK	41	41	41.00	67.00	
J. A. Kimmel	PGH	24	4	12.00	13.35	4.00
Mrs. P. R. Rainwater	BFL	21	30	30.00	32.00	

CUMBERLAND

R. A. Judy	PPF	96	26	42.50	47.10	36.35
Mrs. E. Carr	CK	16	5	5.00	5.50	
John C. Aust	BK	9	2	2.00	2.25	
E. D. Haskell	Misc	43	8	8.50	33.45	6.10

NORTH CAROLINA

M. L. Branch	DR	41	12	21.00	23.50	4.25
G. L. Kerley	DR	17				30.75
W. E. Lanier	CK	79	48	50.00	52.50	78.00
O. R. Steed	CK	18	5	5.00	6.75	1.75
Irregular	Misc	32	19	27.75	42.50	42.50

Summary

South Carolina	Total	219	56	68.60	91.05	80.60
Florida	Total	729	722	1503.90	1565.80	325.95
North Carolina	Total	187	84	103.75	125.25	157.25
Georgia	Total	229	105	267.00	217.80	19.75
Cumberland	Total	164	41	58.00	88.30	42.45