

Field Tidings

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Why Not Invoice?

In my recent visit to Nassau, Bahama Islands, I became acquainted with a young man, who is a new convert to the faith. When the subject of the support of the Gospel Ministry was presented, he saw clearly that God required one-tenth of the income of his children; and that it be paid to him, and one was guilty of robbing, in withholding the same. The young brother who was a leading business man of the city, took at once an inventory of his stock just as carefully as though he was selling the same to another, and then turned over to Brother Sweany \$400. tithe, bringing him at that point in harmony with the Lord's requirement. Then each week he turned over faithfully the Lord's part of his income.

Dear reader, do you not think this was right? If so, why not then do likewise? Do you think the requirement of God is met, when you simply begin at some point to pay tithe on your earnings without taking into consideration what you have on hand? This is not the way we do business with earthly partners, neither is it the way to do business with the Lord. Read Rom. 12:11 also Jer. 40:10. (margin) I am sure that thousands of dollars of tithe would be paid into the Lord's store house if all would be faithful; after taking an invoice of what they possessed by and through the blessings of the Lord before they become identified with the Third Angel's Message.

The reader may wonder how the above mentioned brother is prospering in business after closing up on the Sabbath,—the best business day of the week—and turning over one tenth of his capital stock. His testimony was "That my business is as remunerative as at any time in its history."

He always pays "To take time to be holy." The Sabbath is holy. Isa. 58:13. God's tithe is

holy. Lev. 27:30. In order for us to be holy, we must recognize both of these holy things, and "Render to God the things that belong to God."

Now that we are about to enter upon the New Year, may we not carefully take a reckoning of what we have, and if we have not tithed it, do so, and see to it, that we are faithful in the future, and thus, in a measure at least, redeem the time." CHAS. THOMPSON.

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Cause For Alarm

We have long expected that the time would come when the freedom of the public press and the use of the United States mail would be denied us.

It is a recognized fact by all thoughtful people that when any government denies to its citizens the freedom of the press, the situation is perilous.

We are glad that opportunity is still afforded us to use untrammelled the United States postal service in our work of warning the people against the beast, and the reception of his mark.

There is, however, cause for alarm regarding this matter; for only a few weeks ago the organization known as the American Federation of Catholic Societies of the United States, at their national convention held at New Orleans, La., passed a resolution which aims at this very thing, as will be seen from the report of the convention which appeared in the Associated Press report of the meeting.

"Congress was urged to amend the postal laws so as to include within the scope of the prohibited literatures, books, papers, writings, prints, which outrage religious convictions contain 'scurrilous' and slanderous attacks upon the faith."

Should the promoters of the postal laws accomplish their purpose, all can readily see

that there would be great cause for alarm. Such a law would necessarily exclude nearly every book and periodical published by Seventh-day Adventists; especially the magazines "Liberty" and "The Protestant." In view of the possibility of such a law being enacted by Congress, it should arouse every Seventh-day Adventist to improve the golden opportunity that is now afforded in using the United States postal service in sending forth the magazines "Liberty" and "The Protestant" with pages freighted with a warning message against the beast and his image.

How disastrous it would be should such a measure become a law and we have failed to do our part in circulating these journals while there was such freedom in using the United States mails as there is at the present time

The publishers of these magazines offer to furnish either of them at fifteen cents a year, to be sent to separate addresses, when ten or more subscriptions are ordered at the same time.

If it is not convenient for you to supply the addresses to whom the journal should be sent, you can forward to the secretary of your Tract Society the money to cover the number of yearly subscriptions you specify and the Tract Society secretary will furnish a selected list of names to accompany your cash. The names he furnishes will be names of persons with whom he considers these magazines can work most successfully.

Now is the most favorable time to act.

K. C. RUSSELL.

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Cumberland Items

Elder W. C. White spent one day in Chattanooga on his way back to California. He visited our conference office and spent the day visiting several of our brethren in the city.

Elder Stanley spent Sabbath and Sunday, Dec. the 3rd and 4th, with the Mission Ridge church and administered the ordinance of baptism to one candidate. This makes three persons that have united with the church by baptism since Camp-meeting.

The conference committee met for council at the call of the President at the conference office in Chattanooga the 11th instant. Elder Thompson, President of the Union, was present and participated in the deliberations.

It was voted by the Cumberland conference

to place Field Tidings for the coming year upon one subscription basis, and ask our people to pay the subscription price, 35 cents per year, all subscriptions to begin with January 1. Send in your subscriptions, brethren and sisters, and help the conference to make the paper self supporting.

Elder Stanley was called to preach the funeral of Brother Chris Whisenant at the Mission Ridge church the 12th instant. A large congregation was present and gave good attention to the words of comfort spoken.

In looking over our "Review and Herald" list we find only 95 families in the Cumberland conference taking the "Review." The dear old "Review" is one of the greatest papers ever published and ought to be in the home of everyone professing present truth in our conference. It is impossible for our people to keep in touch with the progress of the work without having the "Review." Send in your subscriptions, brethren and sisters, and have this able minister to visit you each week for \$1.75 a year.

There being some outside interest at Brayton, Elder Stanley has arranged for a ten-day meeting with the church during the holidays beginning the 23rd. Elder Thompson may assist a few days in the meeting.

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Sabbath-school Items

Have you heard the good news? Well, here it is. "The Sabbath-school Worker" for 1911 will be increased to a twenty page journal, but the price will remain the same. If you are not taking it this is an appeal urging especially that you send in your order for it to begin with the January number. The price is thirty-five cents for single copy for the year and in clubs of two or more, thirty cents. It is intended to be a help not only to the teachers and officers of the Sabbath-school, but to all of its members. Everyone should strive to be the best pupil that it is possible for you to be; and this will insure good teachers and better officers for the Sabbath-school work in the future.

"The Morning Watch Calendar" is about to become a household necessity. You know that the calendar for 1911 has had added to it the sun-set table indicating the beginning at the close of the Sabbath. The verses in "Calendar each week bear on some subject considered in the Sabbath-school lessons same week. If you have not ordered

your home, will you not have it done now to reach you in full time for January 1? It will be an appropriate gift to Sabbath-school scholars and other members, and also to the youth not of our faith.

We are about to complete the lessons on the "Life of Christ" which have been so precious to us all. The lessons for 1911 will be on the Book of Acts. A very plain and clear map has been prepared showing the countries and missionary tours of the Apostle Paul, also the voyages to Rome are very plainly marked. The map is six inches long and four inches wide. The Bible may be opened to the place of the lesson and the map before the eye at the same time. It will make the study much more interesting. All should have one, and we hope the young people and the intermediate children will have one for their own use. The price is five cents.

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A New Experience

From a letter written to one of our canvassers by a new Sabbath-keeper who has seen the truth through the faithful efforts of the canvasser to whom the letter is written, I copy the following: "I want to tell you something. A young girl asked me if I thought it a sin to eat meat. I said, 'If we live by the Bible we will not eat hog meat. I then found the eleventh chapter of Lev., and the chapter in Isa. right where you read to me and Mrs. —, and read them to her. So she gave up the meat.

"The people then asked the M. E. Pastor about it, and he said: 'Meat was given us to eat in the winter.' And he said to Mrs. —: 'Make your daughter eat plenty of meat and drink good strong coffee and she will be stout and able to work.'

"But the girl would not eat the meat, and her mother became vexed about it and came up to see me. She afterwards told the neighbors that I was enough to charm a rattle snake. The young lady and I cried, and I told her mother about the three Hebrew children refusing to eat the king's meat.

"The minister told them that I read every odd thing I got my hands on, and that I would be crazy if I did not stop it. But I told him he ought to teach me if he thought I was wrong in the matter; but he does not try, and

when I ask about Bible questions he does not give any satisfaction.

"He said that he did not know what to think of me. Well I do not care what he thinks. I asked him to read a copy of 'Daniel and Revelation' for my sake and then tell me what he thought of it, but he did not. And I think if he goes around talking to the neighbors about me instead of praying for me and trying to teach me that he does not care whether I am saved or not."

We would commend to this sister in the new found faith, and also to the young lady of whom she speaks, the beautiful sentiments expressed in the following:—

"Standing by a purpose, true,
Heeding God's command,

Honor them, the faithful few,
All hail to Daniel's band.

"Many mighty men are lost,
Daring not to stand,

Who for God had been a host
By joining Daniel's band!

"Many giants great and tall,
Daring not to stand,

Headlong to the earth would fall,
If met by Daniel's band!

"Hold the temperance banner high!
On to victory grand!

Satan and his host defy,
And shout for Daniel's band!

Chorus:

"Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone!

Dare to have a purpose firm! Dare to
make it known" A. L. MANOUS.

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On Time

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Eccl. 3, 2.

This life is likened to a race. Heb. 12-1.

The starting point for eternity, is when we are born again,—born of the Holy Spirit. From that point we begin the great race for the eternal reward which will be bestowed when life has made been up and the judgment has pronounced, "Well done" upon it. Only the successful life will be crowned. To be successful is the all-important question with which we have to do. We must always be on time.

This means that we should be constantly in harmony with duty as it comes to us day by day. If we neglect a known duty or disregard a ray of light, we get behind and will remain so until

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we catch up by obedience. In the mean time we are found wanting in the heavenly account. To be always in a saved condition therefore, we must keep on time in all matters pertaining to that which gives success in this great race. "First the blade, then the ear and then the full corn in the ear," suggests the same idea of being on time in the schedule of spiritual development. Neglect, indifference, procrastination, are some of the soul-destroying causes.

Brethren and sisters, are we on time, or are we behind in our prayers, our study of the word, our tithes and offerings? Remember if we arrive in the judgment one second late, it will be forever too late. How sad it will be to come short and be found wanting. Are we behind in meeting our vows to the Lord? Have we made all things right with our brother or sister, or perhaps our neighbor? Are we on time today in the great race?

"If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His son, cleanseth us from all sin."

May God help us to be on time at all the stations of duty and privilege and at last arrive on time at the terminal of life's race, the New Jerusalem, is my prayer. **ON TIME, or LATE, WHICH?**

C. B. STEPHENSON.

A New Booklet

The Signs of the times is publishing a 32 page booklet for its Bible Band readers. This booklet is composed of a compilation of the Bible, its authenticity, manuscripts, etc., price 10 cents. Can be secured through the Tract society. This is a very valuable booklet for people who love Bible study.

The Signs of the Times

One of our ministers, while looking up a place for a series of meetings in a locality where he was a stranger, called upon a man who, upon hearing that he was a Seventh-day Adventist minister, expressed himself as follows: "I know you people have the truth, for I have read the 'Signs of the Times' for years, but never attended any of your meetings, and if you ever come to this town to hold meetings, I have a hall that will seat about 400 people; you are welcome to it free of charge, or if you find some other place I am willing to help bear the expense, as I would like to see you come to this town."

"Enclosed find check for \$4.00 for which send 10, of the Christmas number of the "Signs." Our last order for 50 copies came yesterday and were sold this morning in less than three hours." From a Washington worker. Send orders for the January number, which is now ready, through the tract society.

NOTICE TO GEORGIA CANVASSERS

The conference has made arrangements to pay the fare to and from the Bookmen's Convention which will be held at Nashville beginning January 17th, of all who have sold and delivered one thousand dollars worth of books during this year.

The Publishing House has agreed to furnish free board for all who attend under these conditions.

We would be glad to hear from any who expect to attend.
C. B. STEPHENSON.

Report of the Missionary Volunteers of the Southeastern Union Conference, for Quarter Ending September 30, 1910.

| | Cumb. | Fla. | Ga. | N.C. | S.C. | Tot. |
|------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| No. of Societies | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 14 |
| Pres. Membership | 57 | 106 | 44 | 50 | 12 | 269 |
| Mem. of Attainment | | | | | | |
| No. in Reading Course | | 14 | 31 | 15 | | 60 |
| Junior Membership | | | | 3 | | 3 |
| Mem. Conf. Society | 4 | 76 | | | | 80 |
| Soc. using Int'r Less. | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| Letters Written | 76 | 13 | 13 | 4 | | 106 |
| Letters Received | 34 | 11 | 8 | | | 53 |
| Missionary visits | 66 | 1 | 45 | | 4 | 116 |
| Bible Read's Held | 2 | | 11 | | 4 | 17 |
| Subscriptions Taken | 36 | | 12 | | | 48 |
| Papers Sold | 453 | 72 | 766 | | 4 | 1295 |
| Papers Given away | 218 | 127 | 98 | 407 | 118 | 968 |
| Books Sold | | 50 | 32 | 14 | 7 | 103 |
| Books Given away | 5 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 26 |
| Pages Tracts sold | | | | 4 | 50 | 54 |
| " " Given away | 123 | 145 | 1715 | 1764 | | 3747 |
| Hrs. Christ'n help wk. | 4 | 14 | 218 | 3 | | 239 |
| Art's Cloth'g Given | 15 | 10 | 26 | | | 51 |
| Meals Provided | 15 | | 38 | | | 53 |
| Off's. for For. Miss. | 15.89 | 3.47 | 11.58 | | | 30.94 |
| " " home " | 1.20 | 2.00 | 2.03 | .05 | | 5.28 |
| " " Lo. Soc. wrk.. | | | 8.95 | | | 8.95 |
| No. Conversions | | | 1 | | | 1 |

HELEN D. DOWSETT, Union Secretary.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week ending Dec. 10

| Name, | Book, | Hours, | Value. | Del. |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| SOUTH CAROLINA | | | | |
| J. B. Rise | DR | 18 | 4.75 | 2.75 |
| Mrs. H. Park | BFL | 1 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Mrs. A. L. Manous | DR | 1 | | 2.00 |
| A. L. Manous | Misc | 4 | 3.00 | |
| Ponettie Wylie | Misc | 10 | 6.50 | |
| FLORIDA | | | | |
| Mrs. Ballenger | S of D | 8 | 13.75 | |
| Anna Orr | S of D | 18 | 12.75 | 13.00 |
| F. M. Haegart | S of D | 18 | 13.00 | 10.00 |
| John Allran | DR | 28 | 27.00 | 1.50 |
| C. A. York | BFL | 26 | 17.10 | |
| M. I. Manns | Misc | 6 | 4.60 | |
| Hattie Reed | BFL | 7 | 8.25 | 1.05 |
| CUMBERLAND | | | | |
| G. S. Vreeland | D of A | 37 | 24.00 | 7.00 |
| J. W. Purvis | CK | 23 | 5.25 | 4.50 |
| L. D. Wright | PPF | 47 | 58.50 | 5.00 |
| H. B. Thompson | PPF | 20 | 27.50 | |
| GEORGIA | | | | |
| R. O. Terry | DR | 29 | 1 | 7.00 |
| W. H. Tarver | DR BFL | 32 | | 39.50 |
| M. J. Weber | BFL | 2 wks | 133.50 | 26.00 |
| B. F. Brown | BFL | 3 wks | 25.50 | 44.35 |
| Miss E. Zook | CK | 27 | 12.80 | 11.75 |
| J. A. Kimmel | Misc | 20 | | 13.00 |
| D. A. Fisher | Misc | 36 | 3.50 | 3.50 |
| Summary | | | | |
| Georgia | Total | 253 | 186.30 | 138 |
| South Carolina | Total | 34 | 15.25 | |
| Cumberland | Total | 127 | 115.25 | |
| Florida | Total | 115 | 96.45 | |
| Grand Total | | 529 | 413.25 | |