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Where Should Tithe be Paid?

There is but one scriptural answer to the question, "Where Should Tithe be Paid?" and that is found in Mal. 3:10, which says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." If we should bring all the tithe there, then there is no other place where we could bring a portion of it. It is all to go to the one place, and that place is called the storehouse.

The question then turns upon, "What and where is the storehouse?" We read in the book of Genesis, that during the famine in Egypt, "Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold unto the Egyptians." From this it is clear, that a chosen place for depositing treasures is called a storehouse. In Duet. 28 where the enumerated blessings of Jehovah are recorded upon those that "Do the commandments of God", verse 8 says, "The Lord shall command the blessings upon thy storehouses." The margin says "Barns," so also the Revised Version in Luke 12:24, where the Saviour uses the words synonymously. I feel sure there is no need of my taking space to comment on the use of a barn, farther than to say it is a place where food is gathered into one central place from which the animals are fed.

We read in Lev. 27:30, that all the tithe is holy unto the Lord. And in Num. 18:21, (R. V.) that the Lord gave the children of Levi all the tithe for an inheritance, and we learn from 1. Chron. 26:20 that Ahijah of the Levites was treasurer of the holy things. Therefore in the days of ancient Israel, they had, tithe-treasuries and these are called storehouses.

In 2. Chron. 31:11,12 (Margin) we read: "Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare storehouses in the house of the Lord, and they brought in the offerings and the tithes, and Cononiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was second.

Thus we see that storehouses were the places where tithes and offerings were paid, and some person appointed over them was treasurer, and in Neh. 13:12 we find that, "all Judah brought the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil into the treasuries," The margin says, "storehouses," and they made treasurers over the treasuries.

From these Scriptures we learn what is meant by the storehouse. So when we are commanded to bring all the tithe into the storehouse, it means for us as individuals to pay our tithe to the church treasury. For anciently they prepared store-houses in the "House of God", and the Scripture teaches that the house of God is the church. 1 Tim. 3:15.

Our God is a God of order. He is the author, head, and chief cornerstone of the church, and He would have his people recognize system and order in the payment of tithe and offerings by bringing them to one common storehouse which is the treasury of the church.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

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What About Deut. 14:22?

Some have asked to harmonize Duet. 14:22 with our position, "That tithe should be paid on the Income."

Let's read the Scripture, "Thou shalt surely tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year"

This text is in perfect harmony with our former position. Notice what it says. It does not say that we are to tithe our increase. It is the seed's increase that is to be tithed. We are to tithe what is produced from the seed we sow. The increase of the seed is the income of the sower. To illustrate: A farmer sows twenty bushels of wheat in his field, and at the end of the year reaps two hundred bushels. This two hundred bushels is the "increase" of the seed,

and should be tithed, after deducting of course certain necessary expenses which may have been increased in either planting or harvesting the crop.

A man plants a bushel of potatoes, and digs ten, twenty, or more bushels. The seed has increased to this amount, and he should tithe it.

The Lord's portion comes first, and we are to live, buy clothing, pay tuition for our children's schooling, etc., etc. from what is left.

We must not confound the increase, or production of the seed we sow, with what we have at the end of the year.

A man might have a bountiful crop, an abundant increase from the seed sown, and have no surplus at the end of the year.

The word translated "Increase", in the text in question is defined by Dr. Young, in his Analytical Concordance as "fruit", making the text read; "Thou shalt surely tithe all the fruit of thy seed." The Germans render it; "Thou shalt tithe all the income of thy seed." The Italian rendering is, "All the return of thy seed."

This text rightly understood therefore in no way contradicts Lev. 27:28-30; 2 Chron. 31:4-6; Num. 18:21; and others, which call for a tithe of all seed, fruit, herd, and flock.

The Lord makes rich promises to those who are faithful in returning to him his own.

"Thy barns shall be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Prov. 3:9, 10. "I will rebuke the devourer for thy sake." "All nations shall call thee blessed." Mal. 3:11, 12, are some of them. May God help all to be willing, to "bring all the tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house saith the Lord."

CHAS. THOMPSON.

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Cumberland

The total donations from the Cumberland conference for Missions for the month of December amounted to \$720.09. This gives us a good lead on our ten-cent-per-week quota for 1911. If this amount had been increased \$7.15 more, we would have had enough to pay our full quota for three months of this year.

We appreciate this generous response on the part of our people, and desire to thank one and all for their liberal offerings and hearty co-operation in the ingathering of means for our mis-

sions abroad. Now that we have a good start for the year, let us keep lifting on the various funds and keep a steady stream flowing into our conference treasury that we may be able to send out our full quota to Missions each month during the year.

Our Weekly, or First Day Offerings for the past month amounted to \$12.35. This is less than three cents per member per month. Surely none of our churches are satisfied with this record. As a conference we are weak in taking up this collection. Right here we are losing several hundred dollars a year because this rivulet has almost ceased to flow. It is not the large gifts we can rely upon to help us make the goal; it is the tiny spring, the little rivulets, the steady flow, the weekly collection, which constitute our main resources in financing this work. The success or failure in getting this collection rests largely upon our church officers. See to it, my brother official, that this resourceful rivulet is again open in your church that it may flow again into the mission stream to give the water of life to "those who are athirst." May the Lord help the shepherds of the flock to prove themselves leaders, and faithfully perform the duties that rest upon them. P. G. STANLEY

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The 1911 Annual Religious Liberty Offering

The annual "Religious Liberty Offering" for 1911 is to be taken Sabbath, February 4. There has never been a time in the history of our work when the need of funds to carry on this line of work was more imperative than at the present. The past year has been a record-breaker in the development of both the beast and its image. The great and spectacular functions held by the Roman Catholic church throughout the world, and especially in the United States, has caused "The world to wonder after the beast."

The widespread movements on the part of various organizations of false Protestantism have also made great strides in seeking to bring about a union of church and state in this country. With all of these gigantic influences, which are inevitably hastening us on to the coming crisis of religious intolerance and persecution, it is high time for all of us to exert ourselves as never before in working to enlighten those who are in darkness concerning these great principles that

involve the dearest rights of man—the rights of conscience.

What we need in order to accomplish this great and important work are the prayers of every consecrated Seventh-day Adventist; personal efforts of all in a campaign in communicating to their neighbors and friends these heaven-born principles; also the most free and liberal support of the work in a financial way.

You will remember that at the quadrennial session of the General Conference it was decided to equally divide the Religious Liberty Annual Offering between the general, union, and local conferences. Shall we not begin at once to plan to make the coming annual offering the largest that has ever been made?

A special program will be prepared to be carried out the day that the annual offering is received, Sabbath, February 4, 1911. The program for this day will appear in the "Review" of January 17, 1911.

K. C. RUSSELL,
Secretary Religious Liberty Ass'n.

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Special Course for Ministers and Bible Workers

The Washington Foreign Mission Seminary announce a special course for ministers and Bible workers to begin January 23, and continue eighteen weeks. It is designed for young ministers and other workers who would be greatly benefited by a few months' earnest study, and for mature persons who, with a short training, could enter some line of work.

Both the ministers' training class and the Bible workers' class will do practical work in the city of Washington, under the observation of experienced workers.

There is an opportunity to begin the study of the Greek New Testament, and to continue the work by correspondence after the school closes.

This course is planned with special reference to the needs of our great cities in the East. Here is an opportunity for ministers, graduate nurses, canvassers, and others to gain a short preparation to answer the urgent calls to enter the cities.

For further information, address the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

News Items

Elder Chas. Thompson, who has been in Graysville for the past few days, visited Nashville last week, attending the meeting of the Southern Publishing Association and the Bookmen's Convention which is being held at that place.

Dr. D. H. Kress, the secretary of the General Conference Medical Department, spent Sabbath, January 14, in Graysville. He gave a very interesting talk to the brethren and sisters at the morning services, and went on to Nashville Sunday morning to visit the Nashville Sanitarium.

We are glad to state that Brother V. O. Cole, our general canvassing agent for the Southeastern Union, is very much improved in health, and is now able to take up his work in the field. We praise God for this.

The first semester of the Southern Training School term is in the past. Wednesday, January 18, the second semester began. The interest in the school seems to be good. The attendance is rather above the average. Several new students have come in recently from the village being attracted by the excellent opportunities offered in our Commercial Department.

Sabbath, January 14, at the Young Peoples' Missionary Volunteer Society of Graysville, Tennessee, brother A. F. Harrison held the attention of a large number of students of the S. T. S., relating a few of his first experiences as a canvasser. These experiences, though trying at the time, resulted in rich blessings, and are a source of comfort and courage to many of us who have labored from morning till night without success.

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A Little Conversation

Church Member: "Yes, I have been thinking some of entering some line of the Lord's work, but I want to be sure to enter the most important branch of the work."

State Agent: "The canvassing work is more important than many have regarded it. '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.'"

Church Member: "True, but I want to enter the highest order of missionary work when I enter the work."

State Agent: "The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order."

Church Member: "O well, but I want to engage in a better and more successful method of placing the truth before the people."

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State Agent: "The canvassing work is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time."

Church Member: "Well, I suppose I must admit that, but I would like to enter that work which God has ordained to get the message before the people."

State Agent: "God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books; and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment."

Church Member: "Well then, I wish I knew just what the Lord would have me do just now."

State Agent: "The canvassing work is the very work the Lord desires his people to do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We can not too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the faithful canvasser, many would never hear the warning."

Church Member: "Well, that sounds very good, but are there not more canvassers already than other workers?"

State Agent: "From the light given me," says the Lord's servant, 'I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one one hundred. Canvassers should be encouraged to take hold of this work, not to canvass for story books, but to bring the truth before the world this time.'"

Church Member: "Well, now if I should decide fully to enter the canvassing work, what book do you think I should begin with?"

State Agent: "O, we have so many good books, that it will be no trouble to find a good one that will just suit you. I will go right over home with you now and we will soon decide on the book; and then, too, we have some good printed canvasses that will help you to get the idea, and I will go out with you a few days and enjoy the work together." A. L. MANOUS.

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Georgia Canvassers' Institute

Don't forget the date. This is to certify that our annual institute will be held in Macon, beginning Feb. 6, 1911. All who expect to engage in the canvassing work are cordially invited to attend. See Heb. 10:25. All who are planning to be present are requested to bring their bedding. Allow nothing to get between you and the institute. We have something good to tell you. Come.

W. S. FULBRIGHT.

Report of Tithes of the Georgia Conference December 31, 1910

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|-------------------|----------|
| Atlanta No. 1 | \$184.51 |
| Atlanta No. 2 | 21.65 |
| Conference Church | 60.51 |
| Alpharetta | 19.36 |
| Brunswick | 9.50 |
| Fitzgerald | 10.92 |
| Dixie | 103.76 |
| Gainesville | 11.05 |
| Individuals | 19.50 |
| Macon No. 1 | 31.05 |
| Macon No. 2 | 60.47 |
| St. Simons | 1.92 |
| Savannah | 44.34 |
| Total | 578.54 |

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week ending Jan. 7

| Name, | Book, | Hours, | Value. | Del. |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| CUMBERLAND | | | | |
| G. S. Vreeland | D of A | 45 | 23.50 | 23.50 |
| Mrs. A. D. Day | BFL | 20 | 3.75 | 4.50 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | | | | |
| R. L. Underwood | S of P | 33 | 84.25 | |
| W. E. Lanier | S of P | 15 | 30.00 | |
| M. L. Branch | DR | 16 | 8.50 | 4.50 |
| J. W. Siler | GC | 32 | 24.00 | 3.00 |
| J. P. Allran | CK | 40 | 48.00 | 4.00 |
| Joseph Husband | BFL | 52 | 34.25 | .25 |
| Irregular | Misc | | 37.25 | 37.25 |
| FLORIDA | | | | |
| Chas. Dyes | Misc | 40 | 399.50 | |
| Allen Walker | GC | 8 | 52.00 | |
| Marie Yancy | BFL | 5 | 2.50 | |
| Mary Manns | BFL | 4 | 2.00 | |
| John Allran | DR | | 8.00 | 35.00 |
| Clarence Buzzell | GC BFL | 4 | 12.50 | |
| C. A. Zork | BFL | 2 | 7.80 | |

Summary

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| North Carolina | Total | 207 | 266.25 | 49.00 |
| Florida | Total | 63 | 484.30 | 35.00 |
| Cumberland | Total | 65 | 27.25 | 28.00 |
| Grand Total | | 335 | 777.80 | 112.00 |