

"GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS."

NO. 40

—*Selected.*

What did Achan do? Simply this: The Lord said that when Jericho was captured, "all the silver, and gold and vessels of brass and iron" should be consecrated unto him; they were to be brought "into the treasury of the Lord." Josh. 6:19. But one day after the capture of the city, Achan was walking amid the ruins, when he "saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekles of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekles weight." These he coveted and took; "and, behold," he said, "they

Have you paid into the treasury all your tithes and offerings; or have you coveted and kept among your own stuff, in your own home, that which belongs to God? You know and God *knows*, though your brethren may not know about this. If you are withholding any part of your tithe, it is because you are a covetous man, and you are an Achan in the camp of God's people. And though the judgement of God may

Brethren, let us be honest with God. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Mal. 3:10.—*G. B. Thompson, in Columbia Union Visitor.*

THAT the "Dragon is wroth" with the woman" (church), whose members keep the commandments of God, is clearly revealed in the way persecution is being waged in South Carolina. Last week, Brother J. A. Brown and wife were arraigned before a magistrate and six jurymen to answer a charge of Sabbath breaking. The trial was set for Sept. 28, and Brother A. H. Evers and the writer were present to defend the case. The circumstances which led to the arrest were these,—the weather had been bad for some days previous, and the corn-fodder, cotton, etc. in the vicinity were wasting. Sunday being a

clear day, early morning found many of the farmers out in the field trying to save their crops, and among them, Brother and Sister Brown. There were a number of them closer to the public road, and nearer to some one's home than were these two Sabbath-keepers; but it seems that these two were the only ones who in any way disturbed the peace. They were quietly picking cotton in the field, while some others, among them the constable himself, had their teams at work hauling fodder to the barns.

It was very apparent from the first that it was a case of religious persecution, and that the only real fault they could find with these two persons was that they had not worked on the day before. The law of South Carolina says that no persons are to perform labor of the ordinary calling on "the Lords day, commonly known as Sabbath". When the writer rose with Bible in hand to address the jury, and give the reason why we contended that Brother Brown and his wife had not broken this Sabbath law, the opposing attorney immediately objected to the Bible being used as evidence, and the Judge ruled that it was incompetent, and must not be referred to in the trial. It was stated that the State of South Carolina, and not the Bible, is to decide, as to which day is the Sabbath; that for God's law to be introduced as evidence, he [God] must be present in person, else it would be only hearsay or surposition.

The only thing left for us to do was to improve the opportunity of presenting the true principles of religious liberty, and Brother Evers and I did so. It was also contended that the work was a "work of necessity," as the cotton in the field was wasting. The trial lasted about two hours, and resulted in a verdict of "guilty" being returned by the jury.

The writer remained with the Battle Ground church over Sabbath and Sunday, and we were glad to see that the trial had resulted in creating in the hearts of some of those who were present, an interest in the truth. These eagerly listened to the truth, and one family who has been holding off for some years because of the testing points of our faith promised to obey. This community is quite a fruitful field, and there are other interested ones who will no doubt obey soon.

The brethren here are planning to sell their little church and erect a larger one. The new building will be started about Dec. 1, and will probably be located near the town of Chesney. During the Sabbath spent there, two persons were baptized, and three united with the church.

W. H. BRANSON.

The Needs of the Canvassing Work

So far as the work itself is concerned, it has no needs, for it is a work which God has planned as a means of reaching many who would not otherwise hear the truth. Why then, is it necessary to make an appeal to our people on "The Needs of the Canvassing Work"?—Simply to call their attention to the fact that it needs their co-operation in order that God's plan may be carried out. He has chosen to make man a partner with himself, in the great business of saving souls, and it is always necessary that partners co-operate in order for the business to progress.

The plan of spreading the good news of the kingdom by means of the written page is no new thing. It began with the writings of Moses, and was employed by the prophets, and still more extensively by the apostles. The Waldenses carried on their missionary work in a systematic manner by copying portions of the Bible in the caves and mountains, and selling them to the people by means of missionaries disguised as pedlers. These chosen persons would go forth, two and two, to scatter the truth, thinking more of the precious souls that were perishing in their sins, than of their own comfort, or even life itself.

Thus the precious seeds of truth were sown all over the field, and the Judgement alone will reward their labor of love. Their lives declared plainly that they were seeking a better country, and a city whose builder and maker is God. During the early Reformation, many persons scattered the writings of the reformers, and thus the light penetrated everywhere.

When we look at the past, and see what God has wrought through such humble instruments under such great difficulties, we are glad to believe that he is preparing to do a mighty work in our time. Since He is setting before His people such great op-

portunities for the spread of the truth by the printed page, the way is open for all, from the least to the greatest, to do a work for the Lord. But now, my brother, my sister, the question for each one of us is this:—Am I doing as much as God would have me do, to spread this truth which I profess to love more than life itself? Do I think more of home and associates than I do for those for whom Christ died? Christ identifies himself with those who know not the truth, and is seeking to draw them to himself; and shall we not co-operate with him? Will the Judgement reveal that we have been lovers of pleasure, more than lovers of God? In that great day, when God will judge the secrets of men, it will be seen by each one that he has decided his own destiny. This great work of carrying the good news of the Saviour's soon coming, and calling the attention of every soul to the claims of God's downtrodden law, will be accomplished; and he is inviting our co operation, but shall we continue to refuse to go? What else can he do but raise up others to do this work? Think of meeting the face of him that sitteth on the throne, before whose face the heavens and earth will fall away, and know that he has been showing us how to be co-workers with him, and that we have asked to be excused. Will he need to say one word to show our sin? No, for we will then see clearly where we have loved and chosen this present world, and how he has of necessity accepted our choice. The canvassing work needs men and women who have a clear knowledge of present truth, who have been sanctified by obedience to it, and who are willing to labor earnestly and faithfully until the Lord shall say, "Well done". Men who are not afraid to work, and employ sound business principles which God can approve, yet are not influenced to enter the work with the idea of making money, are needed in the work. To such we can safely say that God can use you, and he will see that you and yours have food and raiment.

ALLEN WALKER.

A Large Work

"THE time has come when a large work should be done by the canvassers." We are grateful that the can-

vassing work has been growing in our territory during the year 1911:—the total sales through the Southern Publishing Association in this Union amounted, at retail value, to \$35,123.10. This is an increase of more than eight thousand dollars over the sales in our territory in 1909.

In all the world the sales for last year amounted to about \$1,550,000.00. This is the splendid report of the increase of our work. What does it mean? It seems to the writer that it is fulfillment of the above quotation from the "Spirit of Prophecy", and that it indicates that our time for work is fast passing, and opportunities to give the message will soon be forever gone.

The Lord has blessed our work in the South by supplying us with a first-class printing house of our own. But dear brethren and sisters, the presses and other machinery of the Southern Publishing Association are at this time either standing idle or running on part time, and why is this? Simply because there is not enough demand for our message-filled books to keep the office busy.

As I have thought over this situation, it appeals to me as a terrible condition. The Lord is calling for workers who will carry our books to those who are perishing for want of the truth. In a little while many difficulties will attend our work. Should we not show our appreciation of present opportunities by cutting loose from the common occupations which keep many out of active service and respond at once to the present call for help?

Unsaved souls on every hand are calling you to do this. Open doors invite your presence. The conference is waiting to co-operate with you in your efforts. The field agent will do all in his power to assist you in starting right. Piles of books are on the shelves awaiting your order. The machinery of the printing house is in order and ready to start at the turn of the electric switch in the preparation of more books to fill the orders you would take if, in the fear of God, you would step out upon the everlasting promises.

"There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. Thus, the divine voice cries 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' the response will come 'Here am I, send me.'"

My dear brethren and sisters, what a terrible experience it will be to stand at last before the judgement bar of God and have him direct attention to the souls condemned forever who might have been saved had you engaged in the canvassing work! The piles of books and idle machinery will seem wonderfully real then!

The field agent in your conference, or your conference president, will be glad to hear of your desire to take up the work. The writer will also be glad to correspond with any who may be interested. Do not delay! "We have no time to lose. We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact, will come as they put the armor on. A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand."

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Florida Items

EIGHTEEN persons were baptized at the close of the white camp-meeting at Sanford, and ten at the close of the colored meeting.

So far, eight have taken their stand for the truth as a result of the Sanford effort for the white people, and about five or six as a result of the effort for the colored.

The sanitarium is rapidly filling up, and the prospect is that a larger run than ever will be experienced this winter.

The Ft. Ogden school has started off encouragingly, eighteen being enrolled, and others intending to start soon.

Elders Parmele and Bird are visiting a few churches. Brother Bird will soon begin another tent effort at Palmetto.

The Orlando church was dedicated October 14. The members are all of good courage, and the future outlook is good for this church.

There being an outside interest,

and some accepting the truth among the colored at Orlando, John Manns began a tent effort there this week.

South Carolina Items

MISS ELIZA WARNER spent Sabbath with the Greenville church.

Bro. H. Park of Woodruff, spent Sabbath at Greenville after delivering books during the week.

The Charleston tent company is of good courage, and hope for lasting results from their work.

Mrs. Henry Acker of Tryon, N. C. expects to spend some time in Spartanburg with her daughter Ada, hoping that the change will prove beneficial to her health.

The friends of Mr. Claude Ravan and Miss Grace Craw will be pleased to hear of their marriage on Tuesday, October 17, at Tryon, N. C. For the present they will make their home in Spartanburg.

ELIZA WARNER.

Graysville Items

SEVERAL from the Graysville church attended the funeral of Sister Willie Haskell at Brayton, Tenn. last Sunday.

Elder Stanley and wife passed through Graysville last Sunday morning on their way to Brayton.

The Graysville church is busy at work on the Harvest Ingathering Fund. Several dollars have been received.

Miss Effie Nelson went to Chattanooga last week in the interest of the magazine work. In a few hours she sold 150 magazines and received \$3.00 on the Harvest Ingathering Fund.

Mr. Gifford, our broom-maker, arrived last week from Louisiana. He will teach the boys how to be self-supporting while attending school.

The present enrolment of the Sou-Training School is one-hundred thirty. More students are expected during November.

If you have not seen the George Washington Number of *Liberty* (No. 4), it will pay you to send ten cents for a sample copy.

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DOUBTLESS many of the readers of FIELD TIDINGS, enjoy reading the Graysville items. To us they do not seem to be as important as news items from our conferences, which tell us of the progress of the message in city and country. Surely there is enough done in each conference each week to furnish a few items of interest to the subscribers of the different conference.

It is hard to make brick without staw, but it is easier to do that than to make up a paper for this Union, without news items to print; and we all realize how dry and uninteresting FIELD TIDINGS is when it contains articles and poems that are always selected.

A few will say, "I sent in a long article only a few weeks ago and you did not print it." No, we did not, for it was too long. It contained too many scripture references. Make your articles brief and to the point; then we will call you blessed.

Brethren keep a supply of articles, news-items and short poems coming in steadily, not spasmodically.

—ED.

Danger in Cherishing Doubts

SOME have given a willing ear to the tempter, and have talked out their belief, and wounded the cause. Satan has claims upon them for they have not recovered themselves from his snares. They have conducted themselves like children who were wholly unacquainted with the wiles of the tempter. They have had sufficient experience, and should have understood his workings. He has suggested doubts to their minds, and instead of repelling them at once, they have reasoned and parleyed with the archdeceiver, and listened to his reasonings, as though charmed by the old serpent. A few texts which were not perfectly explainable to the satisfaction of their own minds, have been sufficient to shake the whole structure of truth, and to obscure the plainest facts of the word of God. These men are erring mortals. They have not a perfect wisdom and knowledge in all the Scriptures. Some passages are placed beyond the reach of human minds, until such time as God chooses, in his own wisdom, to open them. Satan has been leading some on a trial which ends in certain infidelity. They have suffered their unbelief to becloud the harmonious, glorious

chain of truth, and have acted as though it were their business to explain every difficult passage of Scripture, and if our faith did not enable them to do this, it was faulty.

I saw that those who have an evil heart and unbelief will doubt, and will think it noble and a virtue to doubt the word of God. Those who think it a virtue to quibble, can have plenty of room to disbelieve the inspiration and truth of God's word. God does not compel any to believe. They can choose to reply upon the evidences he has been pleased to give or doubt, and cavil, and perish.

—Gospel Workers.

Notes

The November *Signs* magazine is meeting with a good sale. On October 25 almost 4000 copies more than were sold for November last year had been sold out, and orders still coming in. November now bids fair to also be a record-breaker. The attractive cover, with its timely contents, is proving a good one for agents. You can make no mistake with a few copies.

Canvassing Report

Southeastern Union Conference

(week ending Oct. 14)

Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Value,	Helps,	Total,	Del.
NORTH CAROLINA							
J. P. Allran	CK	48			4.50	4.50	98.50
John Allran	CK	39	3	4.50	5.00	9.50	47.50
A. L. Underwood	CK	36	10	15.50	5.00	20.50	5.00
S. F. Woodell	CK	33	8	12.00	4.75	16.75	4.75
W. H. George	GC	37	23	77.00	5.00	82.00	5.00
J. W. Siler	CK	40	43	64.50	6.00	70.50	6.00
E. E. Messenger	CK	40	7	11.00	3.00	14.00	3.00
W. E. Patterson	CK	34	21	31.50	4.00	35.50	10.50
W. E. Lanier	DR	16	6	12.00	1.75	13.75	1.75
SOUTH CAROLINA							
C. H. Holland	CK	50	2	3.00		3.00	62.00
Harry Park	GC	15					29.00
J. S. Reynolds	BFL	11	32	32.00	5.50	37.50	
G. L. Kerley	DR	52	5	15.00	2.50	17.50	
J. M. Swofford	GC	6		6.00		6.00	15.00
H. Reckling	BFL	16		16.00		16.00	
G. B. Case	DR	7	3	3.00	3.00	6.00	3.50
G. N. Murcherson	BFL	1	1	5.75		5.75	
A. L. Green	BFL	32	8	9.50		9.50	6.50
Summary							
North Carolina	Total	323	121	248.00	39.00	247.00	182.00
South Carolina	Total	190	57	90.35	11.00	101.25	116.00
Grand Total		513	178	338.35	50.00	348.25	298.00