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The Sustentation Fund

No doubt but all our readers have read with interest, Elder Daniel's article in the "Review" of Dec. 22, in which he sets forth the object of the above mentioned fund.

I cannot think anyone would find himself in opposition to this plan. Many of our laborers are becoming unable to carry the responsibility of aggressive work as in the past. They have labored for years, going from state to state, from country to country doing pioneer work. As a result believers have been raised up, churches and conferences organized, and the work advanced.

Now the time has come for them to turn the work over to younger hands. Who could say they are not entitled to a support during their declining years? From what source should this support come? It is through their efforts that the tithe has come in; and the Apostle Paul says: "The husbandman laboring first must be partaker of the fruits." 2 Tim. 2:6 (margin). Therefore the only logical and legitimate source for such is the tithe.

What is true of aged and worn veterans, is also true of widows and orphans of those who have fallen at their post of duty.

This plan carried with it a recommendation that each local, union, and general conference turn over monthly to this fund one-fifth of their tithe. It was estimated that such would provide at present a sufficiency for an adequate support for all who would be entitled to be beneficiaries.

Now, dear brethren and sisters, you can see that this is an additional draught upon our tithe, and should be an additional incentive for all to be faithful in returning to the Lord his own.

Truly, when the Lord has made a provision for the support of those who labor in word and doctrine, one who withholds such would be robbing not only God out his fellow man also.

I do hope and pray that every believer in the South-eastern Union conference, at the be-

ginning of the year, will renew their determination to be honest with the Lord, by keeping an accurate account of their income, and regularly place in the hands of the treasurer one-tenth of the same.

All that it requires of us to finance the message in its journey around the world is to be honest; and to all such the Lord has promised that He will pour out a blessing that we will not have room to receive.

Dear reader, shall we not prove the Lord by bringing into His storehouse all the tithe.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

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In Business For the Lord

In a letter from Brother G. Dail, of Europe, he tells of the the experience of a brother whom he met at the East Prussian annual Conference, held in Insterburg, Brother Dail says: "I was greatly rejoiced to look into the happy, radiant face of the brother who has made up his mind to devote all his net gains to the advancement of the cause of God. He is a large farmer, and owns many horses and cattle, and he employs several workmen to keep things in order.

"Formally, so I am told, he was of a disposition to gather and hold all he could to himself. He married a woman who also had considerable means. But on their conversion to the truth, they at once began to demonstrate that the spirit of the message had won their hearts away from all covetousness.

"Already he has put thousands into the cause in Germany, and now runs his farm for the advancement of the third angel's message. You would enjoy meeting the brother, as he is so earnest, so simple in all things, and so joyful in the Lord."

Ought not that to be the aim of every Seventh-day Adventist to run his business for the

Lord? It is a blessed thing to give all to God, so that everything aside from the necessities of life, which our Heavenly Father dedicates to his children, shall be counted for the hastening on of this work. The cause of Christ calls for the undivided energies of every soul of us.

REVIEW AND HERALD.

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Robbery!

Indictment of several of our much esteemed brethren. The evidence said to be overwhelming. The highest court in the universe to try the case. Special efforts to be made by able advocate.

Our people every where will be much concerned to know that many of our brethren of South Carolina, have been indicted for robbing. The saddest part is that the evidence is very strong, and indicates that the robbery is of the most heinous kind, being committed in every case against one who has always bestowed favors, and has promised that on asking, any other request should be granted. Just what the outcome will be in each particular case is not yet fully known; as the attitude of the Judge will be governed by the further conduct of the persons who are concerned. The penalty is death.

So far as learned there are no extenuating or mitigating circumstances and the law is very strict in such cases. However it may be a matter of satisfaction and encouragement to know that an advocate has been secured who invariably wins in the supreme court. The only danger, really, is that those who are guilty will fail to secure his services. He requires that the case be placed absolutely in his hands prior to adjournment of court; together of course with the absolute abandonment of the robber life and practices.

The formal indictment reads in part as follows: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings."

Of course it would not do, even if we knew, to publish the list of names. Is your name on the list?

T. H. JEYS.

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North Carolina

Lexington and Albemarle

At the first named place. I spent the first two days of the Week of Prayer.

Before visiting this place I had heard that this company was greatly in need of a leader, but on visiting them I am fully of the opinion that their greatest need is to learn how to lead. I do not see that they are lacking so much the talent of leadership as they are the use of the talents God has given them in that line.

I think my short stay at Lexington was enjoyed by the brethren there, and I trust it was profitable.

At our first meeting, all took part in the prayer service. The Lord came very near. I believe one soul was thoroughly converted to God at this place, and others reconsecrated themselves to God and his service.

Brother Jeys may sow the seed and Brother Nash water it, but God giveth the increase.

I became much interested in these brethren, and find that they really need help in getting started at holding regular Sabbath meetings. I shall be glad of the opportunity to visit them again.

I labored one week at Albemarle. The believers were encouraged, and a number of young people were converted to God. Outsiders attended the preaching services, and some seemed to be convinced of the truth.

A longer effort should be put forth at this place soon with the prospect of organizing a church. May the Lord help these brethren to unitedly labor for those about them until they can receive further help.

I visited Brother Wm. Saunders at the Sanitarium at Salisbury. His operation was successful and he is cheerful. R. T. NASH.

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Our New Year's Resolution

Dear fellow workers in Christ: Another year is past and gone, some of our number have fallen asleep in Jesus during the past year, but how thankful we should be that the Lord, in his everlasting goodness and mercy has prolonged our lives to see the opening days of another year. As we think over the many blessings that we have received from the Giver of every good and perfect gift, let us ask ourselves the question, how many precious moments, hours, and days have I spent in idleness during the past year that could have been spent in the broad harvest fields, where the laborers are so few? O that we could all rightly discern the times, and realize more fully how earnestly we should seek for the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Now as we begin another year let us all

make a strong resolution, that by the help of the Lord we will put forth every possible effort to redeem the time. We know that a resolution of this nature is well pleasing in the sight of the Lord, and He will draw divinely near and help us in every time of need.

The canvassing work is onward in this state, for which we are thankful. But we know that there are others who should be giving the glad tidings of a soon coming Saviour, through the printed page.

"Pray ye therefore that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into his harvest." ALLEN WALKER, State Agent.

Drawer 28, Orlando, Fla.

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Items of Interest

Brother Dowsett is in Graysville auditing the Southern Training School books.

Elder Sanford has disposed of his property in Graysville, and gone to Nashville to visit his daughter, His farewell discourse last Sabbath was full of timely admonition.

The Southern Training School Board will hold its annual meeting January 3.

The boys have moved to their new home. The building is fitted up in a manner that does credit to the school. It is our desire to see it filled with earnest young men, fitting themselves for the cause of God.

We wish for all the readers of Field Tidings a Happy New Year, a year full of blessings and experiences that will fit us for perfect service and for a home in the kingdom of God.

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The Missionary Volunteer Work

Did you know that one result of Missionary Volunteer work in a certain conference last year was the conversion of seventy-seven young people? Does it pay? Will you not give Sabbath, January 7, to a careful prayerful study of how your church and your home can best work for your young people?

Has your church given any special study to the young people's work, and to the best methods of working for your young people? Sabbath, January 7, has been set aside for this purpose. Will you not observe it faithfully? The "Review" of December 22, contains the suggestive program and the general articles.

Sabbath, January 7, 1911 has been appointed by the General Conference Committee as Missionary Volunteer day. Do not forget the date. Do not fail to observe the date!

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Behold Your God. Isa. 40:9

Behold him in creation;
His voice made form for us:
In numberless, mysterious ways
Ten thousand things take on
The habitants of life
And live and move and have their being,
Obedient to his word.

Majestic trees whose foliage green
Make the landscape pleasing to the eye;
While scented flowers of beauty rare
Adorn the fruitful Earth
Planned to make man happy
And his life, one long continued song
Of grateful praise to God.

Behold the beautiful birds
Of many varied hues and strength and size,
Whose voices make melody so sweet—
One loves to have it linger on the ear—
Whose sympathetic nerves respond to nature's sounds
It is Nature's glad refrain for life from God;
Her paens of praise made vocal
In sweetest warbled song.

All this for man—the image of his God
The crowning work of his love and power:
Made a little lower than the angels, yet still
Designed, destined to become a son divine
Through the exceeding merit of
His own Creator's blood
Shed in his behalf to save from horrible death,
To inherit life, and sunshine, glory all,
And "sit on thrones" with God.

PAGE SHEPARD.

Albemarle, North Carolina

During the Week of Prayer, our company was much benefited, and greatly encouraged by the visit of Elder Nash. He preached fourteen sermons; and as a result, ten were converted. The outside interest was good and we trust that some of those who have heard, will soon be numbered with us.

May it be soon when Brother Nash will return and finish the good work begun here.

W. H. GEORGE.

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Chester County, South Carolina

The area of Chester county, S. C., is about 592 square miles, with a population in 1900 of about 28,616.

According to the record in my possession the statistics of our canvassing work in this county are about as follows: In 1906 there were delivered in this county 197 "Coming Kings"; and many small books. The total value of the year's sale was about \$278.65.

In 1907, there were delivered in this county 702 "Coming Kings"; 214 "Seer of Patmos"; and many small books. The total value of sales for the year was about \$1,087.65.

In 1910 there were delivered in this county, 2 "Daniel and Revelations"; 67 "Bible Footlights"; 147 "Great Controversies"; 24 "Past Present and Future"; and many small books. The year's delivery amounted to about \$773.35.

This gives us a grand total in the county of 899 "Coming Kings"; 214 "Seer of Patmos"; 67 "Bible Footlights"; 2 "Daniel and Revelation"; 147 "Great Controversies"; 24 "Past Present and Future"; and many small books. The total value of books delivered in the county is about \$2,139.65.

We wish there might have been many more books placed in this county, but we are glad that there are as many in it as we have here noted. We could wish that every county in the state had as many in it. There are many counties yet unentered. Who will now volunteer to work one of them next year? Only one so far has been engaged for this year. Who will be the next to take a county? A. L. MANOUS.

Notice for Publication

At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Cumberland conference, it was decided to hold a canvassers' institute, beginning Feb. 22, 1911, and lasting ten days.

The conference will pay the traveling expense and board of all who will attend and agree to sell and deliver \$100.00 worth of books before the next camp-meeting. All who fail will be expected to refund to the conference at the camp-meeting the amount expended upon them.

If any one canvasses some, but does not deliver the full \$100.00 worth, the amount that he

has to refund will be diminished proportionately.

The place to hold the institute has not been fully decided yet.

We want all who expect to sell any books to lay plans to be there.

S. F. REEDER, State Agent.

Sabbath-School Donations

Did you take notice of the good report of the Sabbath-school donations for quarter ending September 30, which appeared in Field Tidings recently? The total amount donated was \$241.36 including the Sabbath-school donations at camp-meeting, and not one penny was retained for home expense but all went to carry the Gospel to the benighted lands of the heathen. What part did you have in this good work, and do you wish that you had given more and thus deposited in the Bank of Heaven treasures where moth and rust doth not corrupt and thieves break not through and steal?

The thermometer plan has been adopted by most of our Sabbath-schools in Georgia, and has been a great incentive to get donations by trying to reach the amount registered on the thermometer as the goal to be reached for that quarter. Will not all see that the thermometer will call for a larger amount next quarter, as the great work of missions demands it. If you do not have a thermometer in your school, and would like one, please write me.

HELEN D. DOWSETT, Sabbath-school Secretary.

Important Notice

The Bookmen's Convention

The time for the bookmen's convention to be held in Nashville, January 17 to 23, is rapidly approaching, and the entertainment of those who attend must be arranged for as early as possible in order that all may be in readiness. We therefore request that the name of each person expecting to attend be sent to us without delay, in order that we may know how many to provide for.

We are not yet able to say just what arrangements can be made for board and room, but we will do our best to provide for the comfort of all. It will be necessary, however, for each one who can, to bring his bedding, as we can furnish covering for only a few. Further information will be given later.

R. HOOK JR.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week
ending Dec. 17

Name,	Book,	Hours,	Value.	Del.
CUMBERLAND				
G. S. Vreeland	D of A	35	14.00	35.75
H. B. Thompson	PPF	30	28.00	2.00
S. F. Reeder	PPF	30	20.25	1.75
A. D. Day	BFL	30	16.25	
R. A. Judy	PPF	27	26.50	
SOUTH CAROLINA				
J. P. Rise	DR	38	11.20	10.20
Mrs. A. L. Manous	DR	1	.60	
Ponettie Wylie	Misc	9	4.25	
A. L. Manous	Misc	5	1.35	3.70
Summary				
Cumberland	Total	152	105.00	39.50
South Carolina	Total	53	16.40	13.90
Grand Total		205	121.40	53.40