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New Year's Greetings

Brother C. P. Whitford of Miami, Florida, sends greetings to all the members of Field Tidings' family as follows:

What shall I wish for thee?

Treasures of earth?

Songs in the spring time?

Pleasure and mirth?

Flowers in thy pathway?

Skies ever clear?

Would this insure thee

A happy New Year?

What shall I wish for thee?

What can be found?

Bringing thee sunshine,

All the year 'round?

Where are the treasures

Lasting and dear?

That shall insure thee

A happy New Year?

This I will wish for thee,—

Faith that increaseth,

Walking in light;

Hope that aboundeth,

Happy and bright:

Love that is perfect,

Casting out fear,

These shall insure thee

A happy New Year:—

This I will wish for thee.

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The Use of the Tithe

There seems to be a question in the minds of many, regarding the proper use of the tithe, and in answer to that question we present an article that appeared in the "Southern Illinois Herald," under date Aug. 22, 1907, from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White.

We are glad we can present such authority, upon such a question.

"Thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure olive-oil beaten for the light to cause the lamp to burn always." This was to be a continual offering that the house of God might be properly supplied with that which was necessary for His service. The people of

today are to remember that the house of worship is God's property, and that it is to be scrupulously cared for. But the funds for this work are not to come from the tithe. The tithe is to be used for one purpose—to sustain the ministers whom the Lord has anointed to do His work. It is to be used to support those who speak the words of life to the people, and carry the burden of the flock of God.

"Those who have charge of our church buildings are to be supplied with the means necessary to keep these buildings in good repair, but this money is not to come from the tithe.

"A very plain, definite message has been given to me to give to our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects, which though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said the tithe is to be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from God's arrangement. God will judge them for these things.

"One reason that the tithe may be appropriated for school purposes; still another would reason that canvassers and colporteurs should be supported from the tithe; but a great mistake is made when the tithe is drawn from the object for which it is to be used—the support of the ministers. There should today be in the field one hundred well qualified laborers where now there is one. God cannot look upon the present condition of things with approval, but with condemnation. His treasury is deprived of the means that should be used for the support of the gospel ministry in fields nigh and afar off. Those who proclaim the message of truth before great congregations, and who do house to house work as well, are doing double missionary work and in no case are their salaries to be cut down. The use of the tithe must be looked upon as a sacred matter by our people. We must guard strictly against all that is contrary to the message now given.

"The impression is becoming quite common that the sacred disposition of the tithe no longer exists. Many have lost their sense of the Lord's requirements. The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for Himself. More men would give themselves to the ministry were they not told of the depleted treasury. There should be an abundant supply in the Lord's treasury, and there would

be if selfish hearts and hands had not made use of the tithe to support other lines of work, God's reserved resources are to be used in no such haphazard way. The tithe is the Lord's and those who meddle with it, will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasures unless they repent."

This is truly a clear and pointed presentation of the subject. The last sentence is surely striking. "Those who meddle with it, will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasures unless they repent."

The tithe is just as much the Lord's before it is paid over to the treasurer as afterward, and those who do not pay any tithe are just as surely meddling with it, as the treasurer. Who would misappropriate it?

May God help us all to be faithful.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

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Word from China

Believing that our readers are interested in China, especially so since Elder W. A. Westworth is superintendent of the field, I will give some extracts from a letter received from him somewhat recently. At the time of this letter he was away from home on a long trip. It was written at Pakhoi, Kwangtung, China, at which place he arrived after a stormy voyage.

When Elder Westworth arrived there, he found the plague making havoc in this town. "Thousands," he says, "have perished there." The estimate ran as high as one in seven of all the population. The night before he arrived, the boy of one of our Bible workers died in our chapel compound. The boy was 17 years old, and somewhat wild. He was not a christian. The mother is a consecrated servant of the Lord, and had been raised from an attack of the plague, which had reached such an advanced stage that no one yet recovered from. She was restored in answer to prayer, and it was the wonder of the town."

Elder Westworth visited the compound and spoke to the people, trusting the promise of God that he should be kept from the plagues. Added to the plague a virulent type of cholera was prevailing, which was taking off many people; as high as from ten to twelve per day.

He told of his trip up the river in a Chinese riverboat some days before, when he visited Brother J. P. Anderson and S. A. Nagal, who are laboring among the Hakka people. In giving a description of what he witnessed as a special feast of the moon he says, "After the moon had risen and was shining in all her glory, a perfect night indeed, out came a couple of fellows with trays set with all the delicacies of a Chinese epicure; roasted and boiled chickens and ducks, rice, greens, sweets etc. etc. all spread out in their best style. These they offered with many bows to the moon; incense was burned and firecrackers set off. Then came the only sensible part of the whole performance;—they

ate the feast. Someway or other I could not but think that they had prepared the feast with one thought for the moon and two for themselves; but after all, brother, it was a sad sight, and when we think of men made in the image of their God, going through such performances, it is awful. Oh, that God would give us the men and means necessary to carry light to these poor benighted souls, and give them something worth their while!"

He says that wherever he stopped that evening, the people were going through the same demonstrations. "Dear brethren and sisters, do these items not thrill our hearts with a desire to increase our liberality in giving that the work may be finished in China, and honest souls be gained for the Master?"

At another time we may give some further extracts from Elder Westworth's letter.

M. B. VANKIRK.

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What the Training School Offers

The Southern Training School offers to the young people of this territory, an opportunity to secure an education based upon the principles laid down in God's work; with the hope that the influence of this education will permeate the life of each young person to the fullest possible extent.

The Training School offers a number of well arranged courses of study, the completion of which gives the learner a good foundation for the practical duties of life.

The school year of 1910-11 is half over; there is still opportunity, however, for students who may wish to attend school a part of the year.

The Training School offers a good course in music, both piano and vocal. This course is conducted by a teacher who has had a thorough course in the Atlanta Conservatory of music,

The Southern Training School offers a reasonably well-arranged teachers' course to young people who desire to become teachers. There is a real need of more teachers being developed in this territory. Are there not young men and women who have a desire to prepare themselves for teachers, who may be induced to attend this school? The school will be glad to correspond with any such.

The school calendar for next year is not yet ready for distribution, but the principal of the school will take pleasure in corresponding with students who are looking forward to attending some school in the near future.

M. B. VANKIRK.

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North Carolina

Interesting News

The Union Conference Committee recommends Brother John Allran to labor in North Carolina. Brother Allran's return to his home

conference will be a source of pleasure to his many friends, and will, we believe, be a blessing to the work.

The Canvassers' Institute will be held at Greensboro, March 7-16. We are planning for a very profitable institute and desire to see a large attendance. More particulars will be printed later.

Elder Nash has been holding a series of meetings at Lexington with encouraging success.

Elder Killen reports new believers at High Point, and the prospect there is bright.

Have you used all your Harvest Ingathering Reviews?

Have you sent in the money?

Those who have not finished their work in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, should do so at once so that the money can be forwarded to the mission board.

GEO. M. BROWN.

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South Carolina Items

Brother W. C. Rahn has lately undergone a successful operation at the city hospital in Spartanburg. If able, he will attend the canvassers' institute at Cherokee.

Brother H. S. Swingle, who lately went on a visit to Pennsylvania, is to return soon, and will canvass in South Carolina.

Sister Elizabeth McHugh, lately of Canada, and formerly a Bible worker in South Carolina, has recently returned to our field, and takes up work at Anderson.

Elder Chas. Thompson has promised to be present, at least one week, during our canvassers' institute. We hope for a large attendance. The Cherokee brethren will do all in their power to make it a success. Remember the date, Feb. 5-15.

The Campobello church are called to mourn the loss, by death, of one of their faithful members,—Sister Sarah Bartholomew, who passed away Jan. 19. Elder E. W. Carey conducted the funeral services.

A comparison of the tithe receipts for the last eighteen months, reveals some very interesting facts; among which the following may be worthy of special mention:

Amount received from July to December, 1909, \$908.30.

Corresponding period 1910, \$1570.76

Eight churches have increased their tithe.

Three churches have decreased their tithe.

The largest increase is at Cherokee.

The largest receipts were in December, 1910, \$726.42.

The smallest receipts were in September, 1910, \$71.73.

Percent of increase 61%

One of two things must be true,—either our brethren made more money this year, or were more faithful in paying tithe; possibly both conditions may obtain, in either case, or both, we rejoice.

T. H. JEYS.

The Better Prayer

BY ROBERT DAVIS

I thank thee, Lord, for strength of arm
To win my bread,

And that beyond my need is meat
For friend unfed.

I thank thee much for bread to live,
I thank thee more for bread to give.

I thank thee, Lord, for snug-thatched roof
In cold and storm,

And that beyond my need is room
For friend forlorn.

I thank thee much for place to rest,
But more for shelter for my guest.

I thank thee, Lord, for lavish love
On me bestowed,

Enough to share with loveless folk
To ease their load.

Thy love to me I ill could spare,
Yet dearer is thy love I share.

Items of Interest

Elder G. M. Brown, president of the North Carolina conference; Elder G. W. Wells, Superintendent of the Asheville mission; and H. B. Tilden, Field Missionary Agent of the North Carolina conference, called at Graysville on their return from the Bookmens' Convention, and visited the Academy and Sanitarium.

Elder Chas. Thompson was in Graysville a few days last week on his return from the Convention. This week he goes to Cherokee, South Carolina, to assist in a canvassers' institute, and ten-day meeting, February 5-15. He went by way of Atlanta to visit the Union conference office.

Elder T. H. Jeys, president of the South Carolina conference, was called home from the Convention in answer to a message announcing the illness of his wife. A card received later reports that she is on the road to recovery, but their baby daughter is now quite ill.

His First Experience

One of our canvassers, a beginner, has recently completed the following nice little record of his work.

He worked about 330 hours, and delivered 63 copies of "Great Controversy," 9 copies of "Bible Footlights," 2 copies of "Daniel and Revelation," and about 87 small books, for all of which he received \$234.60, which gave him a profit of \$117.30, or about 35¢ an hour, the rate of \$3.50 for a day of ten hours.

Do you not think that this is a very good record for a beginner? Think of the good these 161 books may do. Now there are ninety-nine others who ought to be in the canvassing work to-day, who are bound down to some mechanical employment, that could be done by those who do not know this closing message. Let them do this work. Read Isaiah 61:4-6.

A. L. MANOUS.

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Entered as second class matter Feb., 16, 1910, at the Post-office at
Graysville, Tenn., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

Tampa, Florida

I began work distributing the "Family Bible Teacher" in Tampa the first of August. I found it rather warm work wading through the unpaved, sandy streets as I plodded on from house to house with a message of love and good cheer for the people.

At present there are about two hundred and fifty readers of the "Family Bible Teacher", some of whom are quite interested in the truth for this time. Bible readings are held with a number of the more interested ones. We are planning on distributing considerable literature during the winter. The Lord is blessing in the work in this city, but we need your prayers.

A. D. GILBERT.

Maltsugar Free, and Freight Paid

"We certainly were delighted with this new sweet." Illinois.

"The Maltsugar is surely fine." Iowa.

"The sample Maltsugar proved to be a splendid thing for mother." Iowa.

"We were especially pleased with the Maltsugar sent, which is the best thing of the kind I ever saw." New York.

"The Maltsugar you sent is fine." North Carolina.

"The Maltsugar is certainly ideal." Tennessee.

Our friends were so well pleased with this delightful syrup that we have decided to again allow a half gallon free with \$10.00 orders and enough extra foods to fully pay the freight on all shipments east of Colorado, (Texas excepted). On \$5.00 orders a quart Maltsugar free, and half the freight allowed. Cooking Oil and Nut Butter in 45 lb. cans cannot apply to this offer.

"We think your foods are the best we have ever used, and will heartily recommend them to our friends." Louisiana.

You can't afford not to use these excellent foods at our low delivered prices' and Maltsugar free. Let your orders come for quick shipment and eat them every day.

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Obituary

Fine. Eliza Davis Fine was born in Davison Co., North Carolina, Feb. 24, 1828, and died Jan. 11, 1911, aged 62 years, 10 months and 17 days.

She was married at the age of twenty-eight to Henderson Fine; and to them were born ten children, four of whom still live to mourn the loss of their mother.

Two years ago Sister Fine with two of her children accepted present truth under Elder Jeys at Lexington, North Carolina.

Funeral services were conducted at the home, by the writer. He pointed the mourners to the coming of Jesus; the resurrection of the dead; and the great reunion of the people of God.

Interment was made at Holly Grove.

R. T. NASH.

South Carolina Notice Canvassers' Institute

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 5, there will be held a canvassers' institute at Cherokee, South Carolina.

We cordially invite all our canvassers, and those whose hearts God has touched with a desire for a place in this blessed work, to come and take part with us. The brethren of the Cherokee church have generously arranged to entertain all who come, and I can testify to their ability to do it well. You should bring bedding.

We shall be denied the presence of Brother Cole, but we are to be favored with the help of Elder Thompson, our union president. It is likely that the Cherokee chapel will be dedicated during this time.

Bring your Bibles, song-books, and books you wish to study.
T. H. JEYS.

Cumberland Conference Canvassers' Institute

Since coming to Nashville and counseling with the leading brethren, it has been decided that it will be better to hold the canvassers' institute, at Graysville, Feb. 13, instead of the 22nd, as previously announced.

I hope all will make a note of this and plan accordingly. If you have deliveries at that time, forward by card past Feb. 22.
S. F. REEDER.

Important Book Notice "Coming King"

"Coming King" has been extensively revised and the new book will be ready for circulation by January 31. The One Dollar book has been eliminated entirely and the plain cloth will now sell for \$1.50 and the gift edge \$2.00. Kindly bear these new prices in mind, and be governed accordingly.

"Coming King" orders can be sent in from now on, and they will be given prompt attention.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week ending Jan. 14

Name.	Book.	Hours.	Value.	Del.
GEORGIA				
R. O. Terry	DR	29	13.65	
D. A. Fisher	GC	14	9.75	
Miss E. Zook	CK	25	16.00	.75
W. H. Tarver	BFL	21	31.00	
J. A. Sudduth	BFL	38	9.00	1.00
M. J. Weber	BFL	21	6.50	16.50
GEORGIA				
R. O. Terry	DR	19	14.35	4.00
Miss E. Zook	CK	19	13.20	3.75
J. J. Bailes	BFL	41	61.25	2.00
NORTH CAROLINA				
W. H. George	GC	6	6.50	3.50
J. W. Siler	GC	33	50.25	5.75
J. P. Allran	CK	37	61.25	4.25
R. L. Underwood	SP	34	108.50	3.00
W. E. Lanier	SP	28	39.75	
M. L. Branch	DR	20	7.75	.75
Joseph Husband	BFL	38	28.50	4.00
Mrs. E. A. Wing	Misc	6	2.00	2.00
FLORIDA				
Mary Manns	Misc	10	26.00	
C. A. York	BFL	15	14.85	
Allen Walker	GC	1	3.00	7.00
F. M. Haegart	S of P	18	11.25	
Anna Oir	S of P	18	19.50	
Gracia Hunter	BFL	24	15.75	5.00
Summary				
Georgia	Grand Total	227	174.10	28.00
North Carolina	Total	202	304.50	23.25
Florida	Total	86	90.35	12.00
Grand Total		515	568.95	63.25