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An Ordained Blessing

IN "Testimony" for the church, Vol. 5, Page 150, we read: "The only means which God has ordained to advance his cause is to bless men with property."
 A blessing of property is an ordained signal from God for his cause to advance. This could only be true through the increase of liberality in proportion to the blessings received. It is also true that a blessing received and used selfishly becomes a curse to the receiver. For an example of this we have the parable of the Saviour recorded in Luke 12:16-20. This man received property, used it selfishly, and lost his soul. What is true of this individual will be true of all who follow the same course.

"Instead of rendering the means he has placed in their hands, many invest it in more land. This evil is growing with our brethren. They had before, all that they could well care for, but the love of money or a desire to be counted as well off as their neighbors leads them to bury their means in the world and withhold from God his just dues." Vol. 5. Page 151-152.

Following this statement we have the admonition, "We ought now to be heeding the injunction of the Saviour 'Sell that ye have and give alms . . .'. The time is coming, when we cannot sell at any price. The decree is soon to go forth prohibiting men to buy or sell of any man save he that hath the Mark of the Beast."

The matter of giving is not left to the caprice of feeling, for on the same page, of Vol. 5, we read, "Do not trust to your feelings, and give when you feel like it, and withhold when you do not feel like it. Give regularly, either ten, twenty or fifty cents a week as you would like to see upon the heavenly records in the day of God." Language could not be plainer, nor admonition more pointed. I trust all will take this to heart and act accordingly.

There are some who have not redeemed their pledge made to the \$300,000.00 Fund. The work of God and workers are patiently waiting for the funds to come in. Occasionally a faithful sentinel on the frontier has to succumb to exposure waiting for more comfortable quarters, while we invest in more land or provide an additional luxury in our homes with the means already pledged to the cause of God.

Then we are admonished, "Give

regularly, ten, twenty, or fifty cents per week." For the present quota is set at ten cents, and I trust each member will see that they equal this amount. The church officers should see to it that month by month the offerings sent from their church equals this sum. Anything short of this is remissness of duty upon the part of such officials.

With a faithfulness upon the part of all in payment of tithe and the ten-cent-per-week offerings and payment of our pledges on the \$300,000.00 Fund, the treasury will be supplied with means adequate for the demands upon it. May God help all to be faithful in the performance of every duty.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

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Southeastern Union Mission Notes

A FEW more days and the colored ministers in the Southeastern Union Mission will be engaged in the season's tent work. Elder J. W. Manns and his helpers are planning for a campaign in Jacksonville, Fla. Elders R. E. Williams and C. G. Manns will enter Columbia, Ga. Elders J. F. Crichlow and M. C. Strachan will work Columbia, S. C. Elders Sydney Scott and Page Shepard will strike some important point in N. C. probably Raleigh. Elder W. H. Maynor will no doubt continue Bible work in Chattanooga and Knoxville. Let all pray for the continued health and prosperity of these workers, that an abundant harvest of souls may be gathered into this message.

M. C. Strachan, Field Sec'y.

To Our Youth in South Carolina

"THE Lord calls our youth to labor as canvassers and evangelists, to do house-to-house work in places that have not yet heard the truth." Test. Vol. 8, page 229.

Doubtless many of our young people could, if they only thought so and would, enter the canvassing work and do a good work for the salvation of perishing humanity. The language of the Scriptures to the youth is as follows;—"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee, by prophecy, with the laying on of hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed to thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this, thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." 1 Timothy 4: 12-16.

With these statements, we leave the matter for the present, praying that God's Spirit may touch the hearts of those who should now be in the canvassing work, both youth and older ones.

"Those who think that they are too small to reap in God's harvest-field, would do well to remember that grain is not cut at the top."

A. L. Manous, *State Agent*,
309 Rhett St., Greenville, S. C.

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The Advantages of Canvassing

MANY people when they accept the truth are confronted with the proposition of making a living, as they find it difficult to get employment with the privilege of keeping the Sabbath. I well remember that when the thought of canvassing was presented to me, how I grasped it as a legacy, and from that day to this I have never been without a job.

I do not write this as an inducement for people to accept the truth, for unless we receive the love of the truth, our life and work is a failure.

But if any who read this, want to work for one who will never fail them in a job, I would like to correspond with them.

There is another class that I wish to address, and it is those who have health, strength, and ability to do efficient work for God, but are spending the precious hours of probation in working in mines, factories or mechanical works, which in no wise help to give this last message of mercy to a perishing world.

My brethren, are you asleep? Has the truth lost its power to you? What are your plans for the future? What will you do when the world closes its doors so that you cannot work for it? It may be too late to ask for a place in the Lord's work.

The only reason why Elijah was fed through famine was because he had served God during the feast.

All who want to help us in North Carolina this season should write me, and I will be glad to aid them.

W. E. LANIER, *State Agent*,
23 Queen St., New Bern N. C.

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Cumberland News Notes

WE need twenty agents to sell our magazines in our conference. Excellent territory can be given those who desire to work. Who will say, "Here am I, send me?"

Dr. O. C. Godsmark held an interesting service with the Mission Ridge Church the third Sabbath in April.

Elder Stanley and R. L. Williams visited Harriman last week in the interest of a campmeeting location.

P. Rothrock and wife of St. Cloud, Fla., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. L. Shuler, at Copper Ridge, where Brother Shuler is holding a successful revival meeting with the church.

FIELD TIDINGS is a neat, attractive little paper which gives the news each week of the work in the various conferences in the Southeastern Union. It ought to be found in the homes of all our people. Send your subscription to our conference office. Price 25 cents a year.

Have you paid your pledge to the \$300,000 fund? If not, why not? Our missionaries are in great need of

help; their daily prayer is that the Lord will hasten the means that they may complete the work. Who in the Cumberland Conference will pay their pledge and thus answer the prayers of our foreign workers and relieve their distress?

In the financial statement which was recently sent out to all our churches, eight were credited with making their quota to missions the past quarter. Let all our churches strive to make their quota each month that there may be no shortage in our conference to the mission fund.

An interesting baptismal service was held at Copper Ridge Sabbath and Sunday, April 6 and 7. J. L. Shuler has been holding meetings at this place for a few weeks, and ten souls have taken their stand to unite with us. The president of the conference attended this meeting and administered the ordinance of baptism.

Elders Thompson and Stanley visited the College School, near Pikeville a few days last week. On Sunday the school was dedicated, Professor Magan preaching the dedicatory discourse. Brethren White, Gruesbeck, and Woodman are doing an excellent work at this place, The Lord is blessing their efforts and giving them favor with the people. We are planning to organize a church at this place soon.

The following description of a rural reading rack from C. N. Cowdrey, Brayton, Tenn. will doubtless be of interest to the readers of FIELD TIDINGS:—

"Our reading rack is a box arranged with a door so as to protect the contents from storms. This box is attached to a tree which stands very close to the public road, and in front of the church. On the front of the box we have printed the words 'Free Reading, Help Yourself.' There are several apartments in which we place tracts, papers, and magazines. We have our little folks appointed as a committee to collect and bring to the librarian back numbers of any of our literature, such as the *Little Friend*, *Youth's Instructor*, *Watchman*, *Life Boat*, *Review*, *Liberty*, *Signs*, etc. These are looked over and used in filling the box.

"The people passing often help

themselves to this literature; and although some of it may be thrown away, or even destroyed, still we know of families who are getting this reading matter and appreciate it. How much good will be accomplished, eternity alone will reveal; but we believe that this is one of the practical ways of getting the message into the homes of our neighbors. And who knows how many persons, traveling this road perhaps for the only time, may carry some precious truth from this little box into some more remote neighborhood where some honest heart may, on reading the same, be led into the truth for today? We are praying God's blessing on this work, and believe it will be the means of accomplishing much good."

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Florida

It is a fact that whenever our people make an effort to sell our publications, they are successful to a degree that is wonderful; and if all who are situated in a city, village, or country, would make an effort to put our books in the hands of the people, thousands of copies would be disposed of, and hundreds of dollars would be brought into the cause to strengthen our publishing houses financially, and thus the truth would be spread everywhere. I have been so busy during the last few months attending to the work that falls in the hands of the state agent, that I haven't had much time to get out and do actual canvassing. But I have managed to work part of seven days in the last two weeks, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed me; and I have had some real good experiences. My orders amounted to \$125.00 and I have confidence in the orders that I have taken, because I make it a rule to tell them plainly that I don't take orders when they are in doubt as to whether they can take the book or not. I canvassed a lady a few days ago, and when I had taken her name for the book she asked if I was an Adventist. I told her I was, I asked her to tell me her reasons for thinking I was, and she said, "Because they are the only people that are interested in the salvation of others." The same day I canvassed a Methodist minister who

had ordered the best binding of "Daniel and Revelation" from the publishing house. He gave me an order for another book, and wanted to give a year's subscription for the "Watchman" when I delivered his book. He had read "Here and Hereafter" and did not believe in eternal fire punishment. I met one man that did not believe the Bible, I soon learned that he had studied history, and I got him to acknowledge some things that had taken place in the history of Grecia and Rome. Then I showed him how this was all foretold in the book of Daniel. He seemed real interested in the Bible, and asked me to call on him again. Let us do all we can to sell our truth-filled books; and toward getting others to take up the work.

ALLEN WALKER.

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General Items

"THE managing board of the Atlanta Sanitarium held a meeting last week. Brother C. H. Castle was chosen business manager to succeed Elder Dowsett, who has been called to a like position in connection with the Washington Sanitarium and Seminary.

Professor H. M. Hiatt, our educational field secretary, is attending some educational and young people's institutes in Florida.

The Union Conference treasurer would be pleased to receive the amount of all pledges made in the local conferences on the \$300,000.00 fund. Let all the church officers take hold of this matter at once.

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North Carolina Campmeeting

THIS important meeting will probably be held at High Point, and the time is Aug. 3-13.

Through an error, it is stated in FIELD TIDINGS of May 3, that the date is 13-23. Please note this correction, and remember that the correct date is Aug. 3-13.

More particulars will be given later, but this brief notice is inserted now to correct the date and keep the campmeeting before the minds of our people. GEO. M. BROWN.

A Different Brother Smith

ONCE there was a man whose name was Brother Smith. There are many Smiths, but this one was different. He sometimes made mistakes; and when the minister went to talk to him about it, he didn't say that if it hadn't been for Brother A., or Sister B., he should never have been betrayed into doing it. No, he just confessed his own sin, and never said a word about any body else. When the president of the conference visited the church, and talked on tithing, he didn't rise, and bear a ringing testimony, endorsing the tithing system, and then pay two dollars and thirteen cents tithe during the year. His words at the testimony meeting were not very attractive, but his record on the treasurer's book was good, and when the people looked thereon, it was admired more than silver tongue eloquence.

When his wife was sick, and he had to come in to help do a washing, he didn't act as though he thought himself too good to engage in such labor. He just came in, and rolled up his sleeves, and seemed to like it; and his wife and children, yea and neighbors likewise, rose up, and called him blessed.

When he spoke to strangers, he did not use a different tone to the one with which he addressed his own family, for behold they were both alike, good. When the minister went home with Brother A., he didn't pout, and remark that, "that makes three times now, that the minister has passed me by." No, he kept sweet, and the minister knew in his heart that Brother Smith would not misunderstand, or take offence. And when the minister *did* come to his home, he didn't apologize for anything. If it were anything that could be helped, he had already helped it, and if not, he didn't add to the embarrassment by making a useless apology.

There were many other things which this Brother Smith didn't do, which, if they were written, I suppose that a large quarto volume could not contain the things that would be written; but these are written that ye may know that Brother Smith was a very different person.

T. H. JEYS.

"God loveth a cheerful giver"

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North Carolina

THURSDAY night, April 20, Elder G. W. Wells and the writer organized a church at Naples. About a year ago a school farm was purchased with funds given for this purpose and Professor Brownsberger and Professor Spaulding began the carrying out of plans for the Naples Industrial School. As quite a number of people are connected with the school, and others live near by, it has been thought wise to organize the company into a church.

After some remarks relative to the privileges and responsibilities of church membership, fourteen persons signified their desire to enter into relationship, and became charter members of the Naples church.

The following officers were chosen, Elder, S. Brownsberger; Deacon, F. A. Hell; Clerk and Treasurer, Ida Owen; Librarian Alta Reavis. At the close of the service Brother Hall was ordained to the work of the deacon in harmony with the custom of our people. As Professor Brownsberger has been previously ordained as a church elder, ordination in his case was unnecessary.

A promising opening among colored people near by, is to be entered as soon as a suitable worker can be found. We hope that the standard of truth that is now planted in The Skyland, as it is called by seekers after health, may never be lowered.

GEORGE M. BROWN.

Liberty

THE second issue of *Liberty* for 1911 is just out. It is a very attractive and highly practical number. It is called "The Teacher's Number," being prepared especially for the public school teachers, associating the school question with that of religious liberty, and giving in a

very diplomatic manner some of the fundamental principles of religious liberty all teachers ought to recognize in their teaching. A copy of this number of *Liberty* ought to be placed in the possession of every public school teacher in the United States. We commend this issue of *Liberty* to our agents.

The May Number of "Life and Health" is a fine, practical, home number, bringing to the people many good things that can be applied in the home. All issues of *Life and Health* contain information on tuberculosis. The May number takes up the matter of diet for consumptives—the best remedy in the treatment of this prevailing disease. It will be, therefore, a good number for the public now while there is a general interest in the study of the prevention and cure of tuberculosis.

Obituary

HUTCHINSON.—Myrtle Estella, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson of Harriman, Tenn. Born April 17, 1910. Died April 23, 1911. Age one year and five days.

Little Myrtle suffered for sometime with whooping cough, causing paralysis which caused her death. She was a bright little girl, loved by all who knew her. She leaves father, mother, and two brothers to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Matthew 19:14, after which her body was laid to rest in the family burying ground, to await trumpet call.

"Asleep in Jesus soon to rise,
When the last trumpet shall rend
the skies;

Then burst the fetters from the
tomb,

And wake in full immortal bloom,"

L. D. WRIGHT.

The Missionary

A QUEER country this is, where the only things of interest you have to show me are the graves," said a newcomer who had joined the mission forces in Africa. "Yes," was the reply, "but they are the mile-stones of Christianity to regions beyond." Another missionary, illustrating the brave spirit actuating the advance into such dark climes, said:

"Though every step be over the grave of a missionary, Africa must be redeemed." Soldiers of Christ are needed whose hearts beat with this true heavenly courage, who are

not daunted in the face of hardships to enter the great mission fields with the third angel's message.

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CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference
(Week ending April 21)

Name, Hrs., Val., Del.

CUMBERLAND

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|---------------|----|--------|-------|
| R. A. Judy | 20 | 120.60 | |
| E. D. Haskell | 45 | 10.60 | 31.85 |
| W. E. West | 11 | 2.75 | 14.70 |
| Claud Cochran | 25 | 28.00 | 1.00 |
| J. C. Aust | 40 | 24.80 | 50.30 |
| S. F. Reeder | 12 | 16.90 | .65 |

FLORIDA

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|-----------------|----|--------|-------|
| Anna Orr | 16 | 8.50 | 45.00 |
| F. M. Haegart | 16 | 11.50 | 35.00 |
| C. A. York | 12 | 18.00 | |
| Bertha Graham | 13 | 13.00 | 4.25 |
| Pearl Graham | 20 | 6.00 | 2.00 |
| W. A. Phillipot | 38 | 69.55 | 2.55 |
| Geo. Smith | 22 | 101.50 | |
| Allen Walker | 8 | 22.00 | 1.00 |

GEORGIA

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|-----------------|----|--------|-------|
| R. M. Carter | 25 | 58.75 | |
| E. E. Kurtz | 39 | 108.75 | 1.75 |
| M. J. Weber | 28 | 8.50 | 32.00 |
| I. T. Merchant | 18 | 15.75 | 3.00 |
| W. H. Tarver | 6 | 16.60 | |
| N. A. Reiber | 31 | 34.00 | 15.00 |
| Carl Mathews | 35 | 28.50 | 25.25 |
| Miss E. Zook | 23 | 17.50 | 1.25 |
| Joseph Thompson | 36 | 34.05 | |
| R. O. Terry | 30 | 17.20 | 6.00 |
| S. T. Walker | 32 | 111.90 | 2.00 |

NORTH CAROLINA

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|-----------------|----|-------|-------|
| W. E. Lanier | 16 | 30.00 | 6.00 |
| Mrs. W. Lanier | 27 | 43.00 | 3.00 |
| R. L. Underwood | 43 | 84.50 | 2.50 |
| Dora Rudicil | 33 | 27.75 | 2.25 |
| Bertha Ingram | 31 | 33.75 | 1.25 |
| Logan Ingfam | 40 | 13.50 | 1.50 |
| M. F. Campbell | 24 | 26.00 | .50 |
| W. H. George | 15 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| J. W. Siler | 35 | 55.75 | 3.75 |
| John Alran | 43 | 61.50 | 1.00 |
| J. P. Allran | 47 | 99.00 | 3.00 |
| J. Husband | 28 | 20.00 | 1.00 |
| Irregular | | 12.50 | 12.50 |

SOUTH CAROLINA

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| J. B. Rice | 40 | 23.00 | 10.95 |
| W. H. Armstrong | 39 | 144.00 | .50 |
| C. L. Belue | 37 | 150.00 | 4.50 |
| G. B. Case | 24 | 11.50 | 13.50 |
| Miss Bertha Rahn | 5 | | 9.00 |
| Mrs. H. Park. | 1 | | 10.00 |

Summary

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| Cumberland Total | 153 | 82.55 | 219.10 |
| Florida Total | 129 | 240.25 | 89.50 |
| Georgia Total | 303 | 451.50 | 86.25 |
| N. Carolina Total | 382 | 512.25 | 43.25 |
| S. Carolina Total | 146 | 328.50 | 48.45 |
| Grand Total | 1113 | 1615.05 | 486.55 |