

# Field Tidings

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### Who Is Guilty?

In the Week of Prayer reading for December 18, the startling statement was made, that if all the wage earners in our denomination were faithful in paying a full tithe, it would add to our treasury at least five hundred thousand dollars for the prosecution of our work throughout the world.

This is a terrible condition! Think of it, dear reader. The professed people of God, looking for the immediate return of their Lord, who will consume all sin with the brightness of His coming, guilty of stealing annually, half a million dollars from the treasury of God; for such it is when tithe is withheld. Mal. 3:8.

The eighth commandment forbids stealing, and how can we appear guiltless in the judgment with a record of unfaithfulness in tithe paying?

In the days of Israel, the whole camp met with defeat, because one man (Achan) was guilty of having among "his own stuff" that which belonged in the Lord's treasury. With this example before us, how do we expect to gain the victory, while guilty of robbing God of half a million annually?

The whole country is frequently stirred by some bank being looted of a few thousand. Sheriffs and detectives are put on trail, and if the guilty are apprehended they are soon landed in the penitentiaries to perform years of hard labor to expiate their terrible crime. And who says it is not just that they should?

But this is all done by man to those who dare rob man. Therefore what will God do with those who continue to rob him? And in this robbing of God we are guilty of murder of our fellow man, as the following quotation from an article by Sister White in the "Review and Herald" of October 13, 1896, indicates:

"The work of God, which should be going

forward with ten-fold its present strength and efficiency, is kept back like a spring season held by the chilling blast of winter because some of God's professed, people are appropriating to themselves the means that should be dedicated to his service. Because Christ's self-sacrificing love is not interwoven in the life practices, the church is weak when it should be strong. By its own course it has put out its light and robbed millions of the gospel of Christ."

Robbing the treasure of tithe means robbing souls of the gospel of Christ. And without the gospel of Christ men must lose life eternal.

I am sure if we could be awakened to sense the terribleness of the sin of withholding what belongs to God, we would be faithful to bring in all.

The question is, "Who is Guilty?" This should be taken home to our individual lives, and a careful and correct inventory taken, and see to it that one tithe of all was turned into the ordained channel.

May God help us all to see our need of reforming on this point, so the blessed Holy Spirit that brings all other blessings in its train can be found upon us, is my prayer.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

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### Religious Liberty Campaign in North Carolina

A strong effort is to be made at the next session of the North Carolina General Assembly to secure the passage of a more stringent Sunday law than we now have. "The Lord's Day Alliance" held its annual session at Raleigh, October 30, to December 1, 1910, and adopted resolutions in favor of bringing strong pressure upon the state legislature which meets in January for this purpose. We are inaugurating a vigorous campaign of education on the principles of relig-

ious freedom, with the view of placing before our law-makers, lawyers, judges, state officers, ministers, physicians and teachers, what this movement means, and how it will result, if successful.

This matter was carefully studied at our council at Hildebran, Nov. 22, 1910; also some other important questions relating to the work in our conference. All the laborers of the conference, the members of the conference committee, the elders of most of our churches, and some other leading brethren were in attendance. It was an occasion of great interest, and a remarkable feeling of harmony and brotherly love was manifested which was very encouraging. The sentiment seemed to prevail that this council would mark a new era in the cause in the Old North State. Particulars will be given our people in North Carolina as soon as consistent.

M. H. BROWN.

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### Educational Work of the Cumberland Conference

The brethren and sisters of the Cumberland conference have shown a commendable interest in Christian education, by providing church school privileges for their children.

During the month of October, I visited the schools in Knoxville and vicinity. For the first time the Knoxville church has a church school. All who are experienced in city work know the difficulties of getting the children together from homes widely scattered over a city. However, some in the church realized the necessity of a school, and have pushed the enterprise until the school has been organized. It is taught in the vestry of the church, and is provided with good facilities, and was opened October 17, with twelve students in attendance. The teacher is Miss Maud Rutherford.

The Knoxville church Number two is having a mission school of thirteen pupils, being taught by Sister Maynor. These are bright colored children, and are glad for the privilege of attending a good school.

I next visited the family school at the home of Judge Simmons being taught by Miss Marie Van Kirk. Both teacher and pupils are doing nicely, and good work is being done.

I next visited at Copper Ridge. There is a deep interest being manifested there on the

part of both teacher and students, and good work is being done by Miss Margueriete Millar.

I have not visited the other schools in the conference, hence can speak of them only from the stand-point of the reports I have gathered.

Sister Pogue is teaching a family school at Cleveland for her own children and others. I believe there are seven in attendance. The once prosperous Cleveland church-school, having been reduced by the removal of some, and the attendance of others at the Training School at Graysville, is no longer conducted.

At Toco, Miss Viola Purvis is conducting a school for six children.

At Brayton a school of twenty-four is being taught by Brother C. N. Cowdry. Interesting reports come from this school, the attendance being larger than was expected, some children not of our faith being enrolled.

The industrial school located near Pikeville is not in regular session, but reports are that a school of seventeen is being taught by Miss Jessie Foote. These are mostly children of our brethren who are establishing the institution.

Brother C. G. Howell reports eighteen pupils at Daylight. These are all below the eighth grade.

The Primary and Intermediate departments at Graysville have about sixty enrolled, which, added to the enrollment of the other schools, gives a total of one hundred seventy six children in the church schools of this conference. Ought we not to see from these children, many laborers for the Lord's work? I am sure that the parents will then feel repaid for the sacrifice they have made in giving the children the advantage of church schools.

METTIE LENKER.

Educational Secretary of Cumberland Conf.

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### His Year's Record

One of our faithful canvassers, who has been handling "Story of Daniel" and "Seer of Patmos" has just closed the year's work with a very successful delivery. The time worked, including that of delivering, was about 800 hours. He took 666 orders, the value of which was \$837.25. He also took orders for small books to the value of \$139.50, making the total value of orders \$976.75.

While taking the orders he filled orders for the small books to the value of \$111.75, leaving \$864.90 worth of orders to be filled during his

delivery proper. He delivered 463 S. fo D. and S. of P., and about the same number of small books, the total value of which was \$702.00; adding to this the \$117.75 which he delivered while taking orders, making the total value delivered \$819.75, which was about 82 per cent. Also about 50 cents profit for each hour worked.

Truly this is a wonderful work! This one canvasser has placed the printed pages of truth in more than 900 homes, and supposing the membership of these homes average only 5, that would place the truth contained in these books within the reach of 4500 people, to say nothing about their neighbors. Truly this is a good work. Where is the living minister who could possibly present all the truths contained in these books to 900 homes or 4500 people in 800 hours, and be self-supporting at the same time?

In "Manual for Canvassers," p. 27; old edition, we read in this connection this instructive statement: "The intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser should be respected, for he occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister."

ARTHUR L. MANOUS.

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### The Greatest Disaster

When some great cataclysm of nature startles us with its suddenness and awfulness, we stand aghast at the wreckage wrought.

A Galveston gale, a San Francisco earthquake, a cyclone, a fire, a flood, a famine, will serve to fill the human heart with fear. But not one, nor all of these can begin to compare with that which is the supreme terror, and before which all these sink into trivial insignificance.

A wasted life is the acme of dreadful, distressing disaster. It is so common because it is done a day at a time. Slyly, steadily, steals the enemy upon his prey and before he is aware, the consciousness of a misspent life strikes terror to the victim.

O dreamer, awake!

"Count that day lost, whose low descending sun

Finds nought achieved, and duty's task undone."

T. H. JAYS.

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### Florida Items

The address of the Florida Tract Society is Drawer 28, Orlando.

Send your orders for Sabbath-school quar-

terlies to the Florida Tract Society; in order that they reach your schools on time the order should reach the office as early as the middle of the month.

At the close of the camp-meeting at Leesburg, Elder C. V. Achenbach and wife remained to continue the work in that place. They report a company of 13 that have taken their stand on the Lord's side.

Brother W. K. Achenbach is still laboring in Jacksonville. In a recent letter he writes that nine were to be baptized the following Sabbath.

The tent meetings at St. Cloud are being well attended. A company of sixteen was organized there last Sabbath. This we hope may soon develop into a church organization.

We have now passed another Week of Prayer. It is hoped that individuals, churches and companies have made this the best week of our lives by a deeper consecration and seeking the Lord most earnestly. The brighter our light shines at home the farther it will penetrate into the regions beyond. May the trimming of our lights swell our Annual Offering to a sum that will be an honor to the Lord and his work.

The Sanitarium is a continual blessing to a good patronage, but at present the patronage is unusually large. The daily question is, where will we put new patients as they come in from day to day. Various ways are being improvised, whereby to make room and a cordial invitation and welcome is extended to all.

Brethren H. A. Shreve and A. Cummings who are now selling "Ministry of Healing" in the interest of the Sanitarium work in our conference are being blessed in their worthy efforts. They have recently purchased a house-boat and are working the towns along the East Coast.

The holidays are just before us. The prevailing custom of the world at this time is the making of gifts to friends. What would make a better and more useful present than "Ministry of Healing?" Now is an excellent opportunity to sell our quota of this book. By vote of the Florida conference it was resolved that we sell our quota of six books per member this year. With consecrated efforts let us, seize this golden opportunity during the holiday season to sell even more than our quota.

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### Live for Something

Live for something. Do good, and leave behind you in human hearts a moment of virtue that the storm of time can never destroy, and the giving away of countless millions can never buy. Write your name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of thousands you come in contact with year by year. Good deeds will shine as the stars in heaven, for ever and ever. And giving of the two mites, and the broken alabaster box of ointment will never be forgotten. Scatter seeds of kindness all around you.

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Perchance when your mission is o'er, the seeds  
you have dropped by the way side, you will  
find blooming on eternity's shore.

Mrs. F. D. HUNT.

## Savannah, Georgia

There are those who will be glad to know  
of the Lord's blessings upon His people in this  
city.

We came here last August and organized  
the company of new believers into a missionary  
Volunteer society which has prospered and  
done efficient service under the leadership of  
Sister M. C. Kenyon,

On Oct. 3, Mrs. Terry opened a church  
school which had been duly organized by the  
church.

We began school with only chairs and two  
backless benches and no prospect of any better;  
but on the fourth day a dear old brother drove  
up with sixteen nice steel frame desks, which  
he had purchased at about one-sixth or one-sev-  
enth of the retail price. Once a school was  
started here by some other denomination which  
failed and these desks were stored away in an  
old cellar to await the need of the Lord's work.  
Praise the Lord for His guidance! Another  
brother sent us a black-board; another has sent  
us a heater. Two weeks ago we had a kind of  
educational call just before preaching and Elder  
Shadel who was then with us gave a short talk  
on the need of Christian Education for S. D. A.  
children; then a motion was made to raise \$60.  
for the support of the school for three months and  
in ten minutes \$85.50 was pledged. To date our  
little company has gathered in \$50, with the  
special Missions Review and Herald.

Two dear souls with whom we are study-  
ing are rejoicing in the knowledge of present  
truth.

The little church here is a live one, but we  
are wholly unsatisfied and desire the prayers of  
all for the advancement of the work here. We  
want the baptism of the Holy Spirit with which  
to finish up the work in this wicked city.

The week of prayer, a blessed season, is  
approaching. Let us faithfully, "ask," "seek,"  
"knock."

R. O. and DAISY TERRY.

## REMEMBER

Remember what? Remember that pledge you  
made at the Union camp-meeting. What pledge?  
That pledge to help send the magazine Liberty to our  
representative men in South Carolina? A few weeks  
more and our Legislature will be in session. They  
may be called upon to vote on some religious measure.  
Now is the time to call their attention to the principles  
of Christian liberty. Let all who pledged turn the  
amount of the pledge into the hands of the church  
treasurer at once, so that it may be sent on to the state  
treasurer without delay.

But some who will read this were not at camp-  
meeting and so did not promise any help for this fund;  
but it is not too late. The small sum of fifteen cents  
will pay for the "Liberty" to one of those rep-  
resentative men for one year. How many will you  
pay for? Do what you can as the Lord leads you to  
give; but do it quickly.

E. W. CAREY.

## Report of the Canvassing Work in the Southeast- ern Union Conference for November 1910

CONFERENCE,	AGTS,	HRS,	ORDERS,	VALUE,	DEL.
Cumberland	15	1064	286	\$674.15	\$776.37
Georgia	14	702	620	1394.87	1105.60
Florida	5	194	131	358.15	80.70
North Carolina	9	814	130	294.00	1274.25
South Carolina	5	855	58	214.95	929.25
Total	48	3629	1225	2936.12	4166.17

I am sure that all will be glad to know that more  
than \$4000.00 worth of books has already been deliver-  
ed in the Southeastern Union Conference during the  
eleven months that has passed, that was sold during  
the entire year of 1909. This is as reported by the  
canvassers, and we indeed think it very encouraging  
but of course when we can see the report from Brother  
Randall, of the Atlanta branch which gives the total  
sales, we will see these figures swelled to a much larger  
number. Yes, the work is onward, but O, if all  
our people that could, would resolve, and carry out  
the resolution to do what they could to help swell this  
number in 1911, what wonderful work could be done  
in this needy part of the Lord's Vineyard, where we  
are told the message is to close first. V. O. COLE.

## CANVASSING REPORT

### Southeastern Union Conference for week ending Dec. 3

Name,	Book,	Hours,	Value.	Del.
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>				
J. B. Rise	DR	47	21.50	13.50
H. Park	GC	30		30.75
C. L. Belue	DR	15	9.75	62.50
Mrs. A. L. Manous	Misc	14	10.90	1.35
A. L. Manous	Misc	5	9.60	2.95
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>				
Ross Underwood	DR	63	13.00	54.50
J. P. Allran	CK	26	8.25	19.25
Mrs. E. L. Wing	SofP	16	2.50	.50
H. J. Williams	Misc	42	32.00	32.00
Edward Baine	Misc	45	23.25	5.25
<b>CUMBERLAND</b>				
G. S. Vreeland	DofA	48	8.70	52.75
Nora Burchard	PPF	16	9.25	
G. W. Bledsoe	BFL	50	35.00	18.75
Walter Kirkham	PPF	15	13.80	1.00
A. D. Day	BFL	18	7.25	
L. D. Wright	PPF	21	17.50	13.50
H. B. Thompson	CK	6	19.00	
M. A. Brackett	BFL	14	11.00	
J. A. Caldwell	BFL	6	1.50	3.50
<b>Summary</b>				
South Carolina	Total	111	51.75	110.85
North Carolina	Total	192	79.00	111.50
Cumberland	Total	194	121.00	89.00
Grand Total		497	251.75	311.35