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Increase or Income?

Many seem perplexed in the payment of tithe, whether it should be a tithe of the increase or income.

The "Standard Dictionary" defines the word income as follows: "The amount of money coming to a person or corporation within a specified time or regularly (when unqualified, annually) whether as payment for service, interest or profit, form investment, revenue"

Increase' is defined thus: "To become greater, as in bulk, quantity or number, gain or advance in value; power, or force, be added to or aggravate, multiply, wax, that which is added, that by which anything is augmented."

A man's increase is understood to mean the amount he has this year, more than last year. It is a surplus, what is left after his necessary expenditures for the year has been deducted. All can readily see, that this may differ very materially from his income.

Income is a person's salary, or what "comes in". A man may have a very liberal salary, and yet have no increase of wealth. This is true of many. Two persons may have an equal amount of income, and at the end of the year one may have saved from his earnings an increase, while the other has no increase. The one may have no increase because of large necessary expenses, or through extravagance, while the other has an increase, because his necessary expenses have been small, or he has been economical.

All can readily see that should we pay upon our increase, one would be obligated and the other would not. The extravagant liver would be free from paying tithe, while the frugal and economical must give the Lord a tenth of their savings. If they paid on their income, the responsibility would fall equally upon both,

and as God's requirements are just and equal, we would say, Tithe the Income.

The Saviour said the Pharisees who were so strict in tithing, that they did not overlook the mint, anise, cumin, did right in the matter, and surely if a proud, bigoted, hypocritical Pharisee should pay his tithe, and that upon his income, those who believe that the end of all things is at hand should do so.

The Lord did not institute the tithing system because he was in need of money, but knowing the nature of man, He commanded it to help us. In the faithful performance of this duty, there is a great blessing.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

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That this paper, "Field Tidings," is not fulfilling all the expectations of its readers, is known to none more than to those who have the editing and mechanical work to perform.

The purpose of starting this paper was that it might be a means of communication among the various conferences of the Southeastern Union, a news letter, telling of the progress made in different parts of the Union. Florida is pleased to hear of the prosperity of the North Carolina conference; Georgia wants to know how the battle is going in the Cumberland conference; but in order to furnish these conferences with this information, someone from the battle-ground must furnish the news.

Long, prosy articles are out of place in this small paper; but, brethren and sisters, often this is the only kind of articles sent in. If each conference secretary would send us each week a few important items of interest concerning the work done in their territory, it would add greatly to the make up of the reading matter placed in the paper. We have many good articles sent us from Washington; but you have

those same articles in the "Review," "Signs," and other papers.

As to the mechanical make-up of "Field Tidings," all will agree that there has been a great improvement during the past year. Our boys are getting better acquainted with their work; and take pride in putting out as good a paper as possible each week.

To the presidents, secretaries, and workers of various conferences we appeal for help to make your paper one of interest to all its readers.

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Items of Interest

Elder Stanley, who has been holding meetings at Brayton, Tenn., for several days, stopped in Graysville over two days last week, while on his way home to Chattanooga.

Elder Chas. Thompson has been with us in Graysville for several days, taking a much needed rest after his strenuous work during the early fall and winter.

The annual meeting of the Southern Training School board of managers was held in the principal's office January 3. The members in attendance were, Elder Chas. Thompson, the president of the board, Elder McVagh, Brethren Harrison, Cole, R. L. Williams, S. M. Jacobs, Prof G. H. Baber, Elder P. G. Stanley, and the Principal who is also secretary of the board. The first session was devoted to the hearing of the report of the Principal and of the Business Manager. Both of these reports received careful study at the hands of the brethren.

To facilitate the work in hand two committees were chosen from the floor: a committee on nominations to nominate the faculty, and a committee on plans and finance. These committees began their work at eleven o'clock A. M., and the final meeting of the board was held in the parlor of the boys' dormitory at 7 o'clock P. M.

A few changes were made in the faculty because of the wish of several, to be free from their work. Prof. T. D. Rowe and wife have been elected to have charge of the girls' dormitory. At this writing it is impossible to say just how the faculty will stand, for several of those who have been elected have not signified their acceptance of the places offered them.

The Graysville church held its quarterly meeting at the usual time. The attendance was

unusually gratifying, especially was this true of the business meeting, which was held the evening following the Sabbath.

The treasurer's report showed that the total amount of funds collected for the year exceeded \$4343 by a few cents. Of this sum more than \$4200 was tithe.

We are glad to report that the Graysville church is more than \$200 ahead in the matter of giving to missions a sum equalling 20 cents per week, per member for missions, this, too, in face of the fact that during the year it has been carrying nearly 80 names as members, who do not reside in or near Graysville.

Elder R. T. Dowsett and wife who have been with us for over a week, auditing the school books, returned to their home in Atlanta, Jan. 4. We all enjoyed the visit of these workers and extend a cordial invitation to them to visit us again.

We are glad to report that Brother V. O. Cole is rapidly improving in health. We are glad for God's care for his workers, and trust Brother Cole will not again be called upon to pass through another siege of sickness.

Elder Smith¹ Sharp and wife, who have been in Athens, Tenn., assisting in the evangelistic work during the absence of Brother W. W. Williams, have returned to their home in Graysville.

Prof. H. S. Miller is doing some ministerial work in the neighboring outposts. He spent last Sabbath with the church at Brayton. He was accompanied by one of our students, Mr. Harry Beugnet.

Miss Rosalee Bozone of Mississippi, who was home during the holidays, is again in school.

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Florida Items

We trust that all our churches are planning for the Missionary Volunteer Day to be observed by us the world over. Encourage the youth by your united efforts.

The tent effort in St. Cloud closed Dec. 25, only to move the tent to another part of the town, where another course of meetings will be continued. The newly organized company there now, numbers 28. While many of these are not new in the truth, the meetings have brought together a band strengthened for service. Seven or eight however are newly converted to the truth.

Several recruits have recently been received into the Nurses' Training School of the Florida Sanitarium. The curriculum is that recommended by the denomination. The classes are doing excellent work, and God is prospering the educational department of the institution.

Feeling the need of being able to accommodate patients from homes of the well-to-do, accustomed to comfort not previously furnished by the Florida sanitarium, the managers of this institution have plastered and finished a few of its best rooms.

Now all the rooms and cottages are occupied and some of both helpers and patients are being moved into tents. Some new residences on the sanitarium plat are completed, so that rooms may be rented to those who may come. Welcome is extended to all.

From day to day wire messages are being received from those desiring to come to the sanitarium, requesting rooms to be held. Among its present guests there are the following;—
Mr. T. A. Hall from Chicago, his sister and daughter Isabelle, from New York, Mr. J. T. Morris and daughter, Mrs. and Miss Slater, Mr. E. R. May, and Gallispie, from Terra Haute, Indiana, Miss Helen Bergum, from St. Cloud, Dr. Savage, Sister Lynde and Brother Mayes, Dr. Montague from North Carolina and Brother B. J. Fountain and little Clayton from Morris-ton.

In the lives of both helpers and patients of our sanitarium the work of the Holy Spirit is manifested in a marked degree. It is a pleasure to see poor suffering humanity relieved; but how much greater the pleasure to see them rejoicing in the forgiveness of sin and in the acceptance of the light of the truth.

December 23, news reached our office from Sister Josephine Grannis of Cleveland, Ohio, of the death of her mother. Sister Grannis took her mother North about one year ago and since that time she has been in the hospital nearly all of the time. Her last sickness was about five weeks. Sister Grannis writes that her mother passed away quietly and peacefully. Her father died about two years ago. She has our heart-felt sympathy in this bereavement.

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"The Way to get Lost"

As a rule we hear more about the way to get saved than we do about the way to get lost,

so let us briefly study the solemn lessons taught by the Saviour in Matt. 25:41-45. "Then shall he say also unto them on his left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink. I was a stranger and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick and in prison, and ye visited me not." How can we "Stand here all day idle," when the people all around us are in this condition? The Lord has mercifully prepared the way through our publications for every one to have a part in ministering to those who need help. Our truth filled books will be to those who are hungry, "Meat in due season." To those who are thirsty they will reveal the way "to the water of life." To those who are strangers they will illuminate the path that leads to "the city whose builder and maker is God." To those who are naked, they will point them to him who will put on them the "robe of righteousness" and cover them with the "garment of salvation." To those who are sick they will direct them to "Him who healeth all thy diseases." To those who are in the prison house of sin, they will point them to "The Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it not unto the least of these, ye did it not unto me." "If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land, but if ye refuse and rebel ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Dear Brethren and Sisters, God's word is truth, and God's word reveals the solemn truth that the way to get lost is to refuse to work for those who are destitute of truth. If you want to go to work in the Lord's vineyard, write me and I will do all I can to help you get started. "Blessed are they that do."

ALLEN WALKER, State Agt.

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Canvassing Work

God has his workmen in every age. Thus when the Divine voice calls, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" the response will come "Here am I, send me." Isa. 6:8.

I am truly glad I heard the call and responded. My short experience in the canvassing work has been a blessed one in many ways. The blessings have outweighed the rebuffs by

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far, and I do praise the Lord that the humble efficient worker who obediently responds to the call of God may be sure of receiving divine assistance, and any sacrifice he may make is very small in comparison with those made by our blessed Master. And whatsoever success attends our labor it brings to us the purest joy and is the richest recompense for a life of patient toil. "A great and good work may be done by evangelistic canvassing. The Lord has given men tact and capabilities. Those who use these entrusted talents to the glory of God, weaving Bible principles into the web, will be given success. We are to work and pray, putting our trust in Him who will never fail." Manual for canvassers, Page 272. L. D. WRIGHT.

Gossip

Gossip is the meanest thing in the world. It has separated the best of friends; made unhappy the best of homes; broken hearts of true lovers; counterbalanced the influence of the Holy Spirit in many schools, and started such ill-feeling in many churches that souls have become discouraged and given up the Christian life. Gossip is the most devilish thing in the world.

Obituary

PATRICK D. MOYERS, died at his home in Graysville, Dec. 30, 1910, of a complication of troubles from which he had been suffering for a number of years. Brother Moyers was born in Sefterson Co., Tenn., October 30, 1831, making his age at the time of his death 79 years, 2 months.

In 1831 he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Jane Campbell, and to them were born 11 children. The faithful wife and 10 of these children survive their father. Brother Moyers was one of the first Adventists in the state of Tenn., and for several years was a licensed minister in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

Funeral services were conducted at the S. D. A. church in Graysville, Sabbath morning, Dec. 31, by the writer, assisted by Elder Pierce. We laid him away to rest with a full assurance that when the Lifegiver will come for his sleeping saints, we, if faithful, will meet him.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

What the Lord has Wrought

The old year has just passed, so the new one, with its responsibilities is upon us. The book work during 1910 has been quite an interesting one to me; a report of which will be rendered at the book men's convention to be held at Nashville, Tenn. January 16-23.

It is not necessary that we go into details now, but sufficient to say that the Lord has been good, and nearly Six Thousand Dollars worth of books more have been sold in the Southeastern Union Conference during the past year, than was sold in 1909, though 1909 was the best we ever had previous to that time.

Report of the Canvassing Work in the Southeastern Union Conference for December 1910

CONFERENCE,	AGTS,	HRS,	ORDERS,	VALUE,	DEL.
Georgia	11	730	854	\$674.12	\$687.60
N. Carolina	10	567	409	582.25	356.25
Florida	10	485	150	519.55	104.75
Cumberland	13	688	198	369.55	465.25
S. Carolina	3	184	7	114.45	141.95
Total	47	2644	1629	2259.92	1756.80

Respectfully Submitted. V. O. COLE.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week ending Dec. 24

Name,	Book,	Hours,	Value.	Del.
NORTH CAROLINA				
W. E. Lanier	S of P	23	37.50	4.50
R. L. Underwood	DR	34		42.50
Ross Underwood	BS	18		8.00
J. W. Siler	GC	19	39.75	4.75
J. P. Allran	CK	19	37.00	5.00
Mrs. E. A. Wing	Misc	7		7.25
Irregular	Misc	13	6.50	6.50
FLORIDA				
F. M. Haegart	S of D	26	8.00	
Anna Orr	S of D	14	19.35	
John Allran	DR	34	41.50	3.25
C. A. York	D of A	32	17.45	
Gracia Hunter	BFL	35	14.50	
J. A. Jones	DR	23	43.20	
Hattie Reed	BFL	14	36.50	10.50
Misc	BFL		19.00	
GEORGIA				
R. O. Terry	DR	33	14.65	2.00
W. H. Tarver	DR BFL	8		7.40
M. J. Weber	BFL	40	9.00	43.50
Miss E. Zook	CK	17	12.85	2.50
David Fisher	Misc	23	11.50	5.25
CUMBERLAND				
G. S. Vreeland	D of A	31	21.00	15.00
Nora Burchard	PPF	30		44.00
G. W. Bledsoe	BFL	20	3.35	34.75
Mrs. G. W. Bledsoe	BFL	16	4.25	
S. F. Reeder	PPF	12	1.50	10.00
Walter Kirkham	PPF	48	1.80	90.00
L. D. Wright	PPF	37	12.50	120.00
H. B. Thompson	CK	20		8.00
SOUTH CAROLINA				
H. Park	GC	40		38.50
Mrs. A. L. Manous	Misc	17		31.60
Mrs. Lela Ray	BFL	10		10.00
Jeff. Stephens	GC	10		6.00
Ponettie Wylie	Misc	14		4.50
A. L. Manous	Misc	2		6.70

NORTH CAROLINA Ending Dec. 17

W. E. Lanier	S of P	37	85.25	.50
M. L. Branch	DR	34	9.00	1.00
Mrs. E. A. Wing	Misc	21	13.25	9.25

Summary

North Carolina 2 wks.	Total	225	228.25	89.25
Florida	Total	178	199.50	13.75
Georgia	Total	121	48.00	60.65
Cumberland	Total	214	44.40	311.75
South Carolina	Total	93		97.30
Grand Total		831	520.15	572.70