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THE TITHE IS THE LORD'S.

The tithe of all the land is mine;
Of gold, of silver, flocks and kine,
Of all that I shall give to thee,
One tenth shall be reserved for me:
For from my hand, I freely give
What else of aught on which ye live.

So speaks Jehovah in his Word,
Which all have read, which all have heard;
Yet e'en the tenth, do some withhold.
Though God has blessed an hundred fold.
For selfishness predominates,
And avarice for more creates.

Until the robber's hand appears
The tithe to grasp, and never fears
That vengeance from above shall fall
Upon the one that covets all.
His ear is deaf to all appeals,
And naught of smiting conscience feels.

But Oh! The fields are white they say,
Yet none to gather sheaves to-day.
For servants labor not, because
The tithing is stolen from God's cause.
Then shall we still God's means misuse,
Thereby a promised blessing lose?

Shall we as robbers veil from sight
Our eyes, when dawns the glorious light?
Shall we to rocks and mountains call,
Imploring them on us to fall?
Each perishing as vilest knave,
Because the tithe of God we crave?

No! Gladly we his love confess,
And loyally to him profess;
One tenth we'll give, nor dare we take
The tithe of God, lest we should break
A plain command, his words reveal:
We read it thus, "Thou shalt not steal."
JAMES E. SHULTZ.

THE TITHE IS HOLY.

A LESSON FROM THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY ON THIS SUBJECT.

(I herewith present a series of paragraphs which I have copied from different issues of the *Review and Herald*, and recommend a careful study of the same by every reader of the WELCOME VISITOR.)

H. H. B.)

"THERE are many things which should stir the soul to action at this time. We cannot afford to be sluggish now, my brethren. The Lord has the first claim upon all that we have. The means in our possession has been given to us in trust, and we hold it simply as stewards of God's

bounty. Many have made a mistake in withholding from the Lord that which he has plainly specified as his own. The tithe of all that God has blessed you with, belongs to him; and you have robbed God when you have used it for your own enterprises. The Lord has not left the disposal of the tithe to you, to be given or withheld as your inclination may dictate. He has placed the matter beyond all question, and there has been great neglect on the part of many of God's professed people to fulfill the requirements of his word in regard to tithing."

"Those who realize their dependence upon God, will feel that they must be honest with their fellowmen, and, above all, they must be honest with God, from whom comes all the blessings of life. The evasion of the positive commands of God concerning tithes and offerings is registered in the books of heaven as robbery toward him."

"Unless the name of God is written in your forehead,—written there because God is the center of your thoughts,—you will not be meet for the inheritance in light. It is your Creator who has poured out to you all heaven in one wondrous gift,—his only begotten Son. Will you withhold from God his own? Will you divert from the treasury the portion of means which the Lord claims as his? If so, you are robbing God, and every dollar is charged against you in the books of heaven."

"Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in any emergency, nor to apply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord's work."

"It is the duty of the elders and officers of the church to instruct the people on this important matter, and to setting things in order. As laborers together with God, the officers of the church should be sound upon this

plainly revealed question. The ministers themselves should be strict to carry out to the letter the injunctions of God's word. Those who hold positions of trust in the Church should not be negligent, but they should see that the members are faithful in performing this duty."

"The one who proclaims the message of mercy to fallen men has another work also, to set before the people the duty of sustaining the work of God with their means. He must teach them that a portion of their income belongs to God, and is to be sacredly devoted to his work. This lesson he should present both by precept and example. And he should beware that he does not by his own course lessen the force of his teaching."

"The minister should, by precept and example, teach the people to regard the tithe as sacred. He should not feel that he can retain and apply it according to his own judgment, because he is a minister. It is not his. He is not at liberty to devote to himself whatever he thinks is his due. Let him not give his influence to any plans for diverting from their legitimate use the tithes and offerings dedicated to God. Let them be placed in his treasury, and held sacred for God's service as he has appointed. The tithe is God's portion, not at all the property of man, and the Scripture declares that he who withholds it is guilty of robbery. Who, then, will stand with clean hands before the Lord?"

"In my observations concerning the work and workers among us as a people, I am persuaded that what the cause of God on earth needs to-day is not smart men, college-bred men, or specialists; but that which his work demands most of all is all-round men,—strong, brave, courageous, thorough-going men—men, who have a good general education, physically, mentally, and morally, and are therefore able to meet and surmount difficulties, which in road to success they must meet on every hand."

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Zanesville.

DEAR VISITOR: Our courage is good in the Lord. He is leading our little band of Sabbath keepers on to final victory.

We have had some real hard struggles with the enemy, but thus far we have proven him to be a conquered foe. Souls have been set free, and are now rejoicing in the full light of the Third Angel's Message. They are paying tithe. Thus in a practical way they are demonstrating their love for the truth.

The enemy is wroth with these dear souls. But the "trial of our faith is more precious than fine gold." So let us be patient in the hands of the Master workman.

Our Sabbath-school is growing not only in number, but in interest. Brother Fred M. Fairchild came down and spent a week or more with us. His visit proved profitable as one dear soul has since kept the Sabbath.

The lecture course given in this city a few weeks ago by a Catholic Apostolate, resulted in the conversion of forty-nine protestants. Soon will the image of the beast be completed. Are we awake as to what this truly means? May God arouse us to a full sense of the times we are about to enter.

F. H. HENDERSON.

Toledo.

IN regard to the Toledo church, I can say, that we hold a monthly missionary meeting at the regular service hour, on the fourth Sabbath of each month. A program is arranged providing for several verbal reports, by as many members, of the latest missionary news from the fields designed for that date.

The "Christian Help Band" reports what they have done; family and personal assistance given; barrels packed for the South, etc. "The Young Peoples' Society" is given an opportunity to relate experiences in selling our Health literature; collecting and distributing papers and tracts, and to tell of other missionary efforts.

Reports of individual work done in the Master's name are called for, and these responses encourage and instruct others in the different ways in which one who really loves the Saviour, can do seed-sowing. The Jail, Workhouse and Retreat are visited, and literature is placed in Reading Rooms. A collection is taken up for use in the work of the society.

The *Signs of the Times Leaflets*, or some other tracts are, each Sabbath,

placed where those who wish to use them, can take what they need. Hundreds of Jewish tracts are being distributed among the Jews in this city. A club of *The Signs of the Times* is taken by the church. Some of the most efficient are giving Bible readings in different parts of the city with some apparent success; as at the Quarterly meetings there are generally additions to our numbers by baptism.

The Librarian handles no finances. Everything in that line is in the hands of our competent treasurer. Cordially your fellow worker,

ANNA M. NICHOLAS.

Powell.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR READERS: It does my heart good as I receive letters from the brethren and sisters at the different places where I have labored, to see how faithfully the little flocks are holding on to the truth. I praise God for the truth we have.

How many people there are, who want nothing to do with the Word of God! How many there will be in the near future who want it, and will be running to and fro to find it, but then it will be too late. The Lord will say, "Depart from me for I know you not." How sad it would be, should some of our loved ones be among that number! Let us put on the whole armour of God, and work as we never have that we may win souls for the kingdom of God. "Watch and pray." "Pray without ceasing." The coming of the Lord draweth nigh. "It is near, even at the door." Are we all ready to meet Jesus? Are we doing all we can for him? Are we hastening his coming, or are we delaying it?

O, if God's people, or those who are professing his name, would "arise and shine," how quickly the Message would go to every nation kindred, tongue and people. Then Jesus would come.

The work is progressing nicely here. I am hauling logs, with a Sisters's team, to the mill for our new church building. Also getting the people to pay their pledges for the purpose of buying materials necessary for the building.

Satan is working hard, but we thank the Lord for victories gained, and for the desire to "press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." My courage never was better, nor I more determined to hasten that glad day, and be among the number who shall not taste death, but stand upon the earth and see Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven.

Brother, Sister, be faithful until the end, that the crown of righteousness may be given you.

F. E. GIBSON.

RASHLY JUDGING.

"JUDGE not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." Matt, 7: 1, 2.

This passage does not imply that we may not decide, in the light of God's Word, whether the course of others is good or evil; for the Saviour tells us in the same chapter, "Ye shall know them by their fruits," and the Scriptures make it a part of our duty to show our fellow-creatures their sins, that they may reform and not die.

The meaning of this scripture is evidently this: we should not condemn rashly, in a final sense and without mercy, our erring brethren. We are in danger of doing this when we are tried with them, and their faults are magnified to our minds by Satan. Then we are liable to overlook the beam that is in our own eye while trying to remove the mote from our brother's eye, and should remember that if we cast off our weak brethren, God will also cast us off. With what measure we mete, it shall be measured to us again. But if we are merciful we shall obtain mercy. Let those beware who are inclined to rashly judge their brethren.

The time is coming when the saints shall judge the world; but it is no part of their work to judge those to whom God is merciful and for whom Christ died. "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the heart; and then shall every man have praise of God." —D. T. Bourdeau.

"From all the countries of the world the Macedonian cry is sounding, 'Come over and help us,' God has opened fields before us, and if human agencies would but co-operate with divine agencies, many souls would be won to the truth. But the Lord's people have been sleeping over their allotted work, and in many places it remains comparatively untouched. To the call, 'Whom shall I send?' there have been few to respond, 'Here am I; send me.'

"THE mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children."

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

All matter for this department should be sent to D. D. Rees, Mt. Vernon, O.

THE STUDENTS' RELIGIOUS OPPORTUNITIES.

IT has been said by various educators that only one half of the advantages of a collegiate education comes from books; the other half being derived from the associations of teachers and students. Books give a certain knowledge, a learning, an array of facts; but being a part of one of the sturdiest, healthiest, and most enthusiastic crowds of young people in the world (the colleges always have them), teaches the youth how to use all his knowledge, and gives him an excellent chance to do so.

This is all true of our school here at Academia. We, along with other schools and colleges, can lay claim to all these advantages. In fact, I think we develop more individuality than can the student of Harvard, Yale, or Princeton. But there is one thing about Mount Vernon College that is unique; namely, the religious phase of its work. A place offering more opportunities along this line could not be found, at least in this state.

The several meetings are so arranged as to time, place, and kind, that they come, in their order, very naturally, and hold as important a place both in the hearts and plans of the students as any other part of the school work. These meetings are of a great variety, and take in everybody,—home students, resident students, professors, children, or church members.—at least once each week.

Sabbath, of course, has the greatest number of these meetings. The students' Sabbath-school is held at 8:30 A. M. Professor C. E. Welch is the superintendent; two of the young men act as his assistants. The students often take turns at teaching a class or reviewing a previous lesson, thus securing a valuable experience in practical Sabbath-school work. Following this are the church Sabbath-school, held at 9:45, and preaching at eleven o'clock. Not infrequently some one of our leading workers is with us at this time, and occupies the pulpit. Many of the students became acquainted with Elders Irwin, Spicer, Thompson, Gilbert, Brother Blosser, and others, in this way. It is always a good meeting.

In the afternoon—generally at three o'clock—the two self-culture societies meet and listen to the discussion and presentation of some Bible topic that

has been prepared beforehand. These are our after-dinner speeches, and they certainly serve as a talent-developer. Every third week the societies unite and hold a union meeting in the chapel. These meetings being of larger proportions, and demanding a fairly good degree of work, tend to call out the best that is in one. The officers of the societies are elected for a term of six weeks.

As has before been stated in these columns, we have a veritable network of missionary bands quietly working away along their respective lines. Sunday evening is the Ministers' Band night. After faithfully practicing a number of gospel hymns, the members of this band go out to a school house that they have secured, and talk and sing to the people thus giving present truth to the outside world.

On Tuesday evening is held a prayer and social meeting for students only. This is their very own. And to determine the interest taken in it, one has but to glance in. He will always see the Bible room well filled with earnest young faces.

Every Wednesday morning, one hour and ten minutes are allotted for our weekly missionary meeting. Students generally take some part in the exercises, such as discussing an important mission field, or giving a short sketch of the life of some missionary.

One more meeting remains to be mentioned, and the weekly cycle will be completed. This one—the Friday evening prayer meeting—is, perhaps, the most important of them all; certainly it is the best known, and has been the most far-reaching in its influence, for it is a fact that young men and young women who have graduated from this place, and even those who have not, always speak in such high terms of this Friday evening meeting that it serves as an earmark to identify them as having once been students at Mount Vernon.

GURNIE YOUNG.

MISS MARY KNAPP AND MISS ROSA FOSTER were called home on Wednesday of last week by the sickness of Miss Knapp's father.

MR. FRED WEBSTER left for his canvassing field last Tuesday. He intends to take Bible Readings and canvass at Portsmouth.

WE are just now being favored with a visit from Elder W. D. Curtis, Educational Secretary of the Lake Union Conference. Brother Curtis is making his home at the College while here.

MUSIC.

MUSIC was the first sound in creation when the morning stars sang together. It was the first sound heard at the birth of Christ when the angels sang together above the plains of Bethlehem. It is the universal language, which appeals to the universal heart of mankind. Its thrill pervades all nature,—in the hum of the tiniest insect, in the tops of the wind-smitten pines, and in the solemn despair of the ocean. It is not an individual property, but a gift for all—to everyone a spring of the purest and the most refined education.

Man has perverted this God-given art until, to-day, all that seems to please the ear of humanity is the sentimental song or the "rag time." O, the shame of degrading that which God made to be the medium by which the angels should tell the world that a Redeemer had come! From the Spirit of Prophecy I read as follows: "Music, when not abused, is a great blessing, but when put to a wrong use it is a terrible curse. Frivolous songs and the popular sheet music of the day seem congenial to the taste of our youth. The instruments of music have taken time which should have been devoted to prayer." It is Satan's plan to capture our youth through the agency of music. Shall we not awaken and put on the whole armor of God, using our musical talents to the glory of God? The Third Angel's Message is to go to every kindred, tongue, and nation, and music can be an instrument through which many souls can be reached. It should be used wherever the Gospel is preached.

Every church school teacher should have an education in sacred music, and the little ones under their care should be so instructed as to be able to discern between the Lord's music and Satan's, or the worldly song and dance.

Let the voice be lifted in songs of praise and devotion. "The nearer the people of God can approach to correct harmonious singing, the more he is glorified. I have been shown the order, the perfect order of heaven, and have been enraptured as I listen to the perfect music there. I have seen companies of angels who stood in a hallow square, every one having a harp of gold."

We must be ready to join the heavenly choir; for when Jesus comes, there will be music. John says, "And they sung as it were a new song before the throne and before the four beasts and Elders; and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand which were redeemed from the face of the earth."

MRS. NETTIE CRAWFORD.

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Sabbath begins Mar. 23 at 6:14 P. M.

THE blue pencil mark here means that your subscription has expired. Renew at once.

JAMES E. SHULTZ and wife have bought the "Smith Cottage" from Elder Kirkendall.

MR. AND MRS. ELMER HOLDEN spent several days last week with friends in Academia.

SISTER W. T. WEAKS, of Clyde, O., has purchased the property in Academia known as the "Stuart" property.

MRS. E. E. COOPER has returned from a pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Northern Ohio and Michigan.

LET THE GOOD WORK GO ON.

It is not too late to secure signatures to the petition blanks against the Sunday bills now before Congress, so let the good work go on; and, when the petition blanks are reasonably full, they should be sent to the Religious Liberty Bureau, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

We would also urge all who have not yet written to their Representative from their respective District, to do so without delay.

K. C. RUSSELL, *Chairman*
Religious Liberty Bureau.

ALL circulating petitions against religious legislation should see that the blank space left for indicating where the petition is circulated is properly filled in before forwarding the petitions on to Washington. This should, in fact, be attended to before the petitions are circulated. A petition with no state or town indicated on it is valueless. Either the town and state, or at least the county and state, in which the signers reside, should be indicated.

W. A. COLCORD, *Secretary*
Religious Liberty Bureau.

THE CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

THE Lord has indeed been very near, and blessed us during the Institute work here at the College. About forty persons have been taking instructions in the different classes. "The Great Controversy," "Daniel and the Revelation," "Bible Readings," "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Coming King" have been the books studied.

With this large company of strong, young people, who have "understanding of the times," carrying with them such a selection of message filled books as those above mentioned, who can estimate the great work that can be accomplished here in Ohio during the next few months.

All in attendance seemed to realize the solemnity of the times in which we are living, and the great need of the strong, able-bodied youth of our ranks laying their all upon the altar of service to be used in any station.

Part of those who were in attendance at the Institute have already gone to their fields of labor, while others will go in the near future or at the close of school.

We have plenty of room in Ohio for many more workers, and we hope to see still others consecrating themselves to the service of the Master to engage in this very important branch of our work.

CARL E. WEAKS.

NOTES FROM THE INSTITUTE.

ELDER BURKHOLDER spoke to the canvassers Wednesday, March 14. All were glad to hear his good words of instruction and counsel.

BRETHREN F. B. NUMBERS, L. H. Waters, H. A. Weaver, and B. F. Cook, who have been laboring faithfully in the field during the past winter, were in attendance at the Institute. They have now gone back to their fields of labor.

BRETHREN LEEK AND JACKSON, who have recently accepted the truth, will enter the book work in Ohio this season. They will labor together in Clark County.

SISTER MARY HUBBIELL, who has spent several years in the book work in Ohio, will again enter the field this spring.

BROTHER F. O. BARROWS, of Delaware, will be with us again this year as we go from home to home with the printed page. God is indeed "calling the canvassers back to their work." Are there any others in the State who are ready to answer, "Here am I, send me?"

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Mar. 9, 1906.)

Paul Stokes, Columbus.—Desire of Ages; value of orders, \$21.75.

E. R. Numbers, Lancaster.—Great Controversy; value of orders, \$34.50; helps, \$.75; total, \$35.25.

Howard W. West,* Muskingum Co.—Bible Readings; 5 hours; value of orders, \$4; helps, \$.50; total, \$4.50.

F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous; cash sales, \$10.10.

Week ending March 2.

OBITUARY.

THROCKMORTON.—Henry Newton, infant son of W. M. and Phosa Throckmorton, nee Hewitt, died March 12, 1906, aged 4 months and 12 days. He was taken suddenly ill with pneumonia which developed into brain fever and lived only five days. His life was not in vain, for it had a transforming influence over all. He was an unusually bright and beautiful child, and his sweet life endeared him to all who knew him. He is the first grandchild taken from either the Throckmorton or Hewitt families. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." We have been reminded by his sinless life, that "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." The funeral service was conducted by Elder R. R. Kennedy, who took for his text, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven."