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WHICH ARE YOU?

THERE are two kinds of people on earth to-day,
Just two kinds of people, no more, I say.
Not the sinner and saint, for 'tis well understood
That the good are half bad, and the bad are half good.
Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's wealth
You must first know the state of his conscience and health.
Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span
Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man.
Not the happy and sad, for the swift-flying years
Bring each man his laughter and each man his tears.
No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean
Are the people who lift, and the people who lean.
Wherever you go you will find the world's masses
Are always divided in just these two classes.
And oddly enough, you will find too, I ween,
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.

In which class are you? Are you easing the load
Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road?
Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear
Your portion of labor and worry and care?

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

WILLS AND LEGACIES

GOD is displeased with the slack, loose manner in which many of His professed people conduct their worldly business. Some leave their worldly business in perfect confusion. Satan has an eye on it all, and he strikes at a favorable opportunity, and by his management takes much means out of the ranks of Sabbath-keepers.

Those who should be wise heirs of salvation almost willingly let the Lord's money slip out of their hands into the enemy's ranks. In this way they strengthen Satan's kingdom. Satan and his angels exult over their success in this matter.

It is especially the privilege and duty of the aged, the feeble, and those who have no children, to place their means where it can be used in the cause of God if they should be suddenly taken away.

Many will to their friends and relatives all except a very small pittance of their property. This they leave for their Supreme Friend, who became poor for their sakes, who suffered insult, mockery, and death, that they might become sons and daughters of God. And yet they expect when the righteous dead shall come forth to immortal life that this Friend will take them into His everlasting habitations.

In disposing of your property by will to your relatives, be sure you do not forget God's cause. You are His agents, holding His property; and His claims should have first consideration. Your wife and children, of

course, should not be left destitute; provision should be made for them if they are needy. But do not, simply because it is customary, bring into your will a long line of relatives who are not needy. Let it ever be kept in mind that the present selfish system of disposing of property is not God's plan, but man's device. Christians should be reformers, and break up this present system, giving an entirely new aspect to the formation of wills.

Many are not exercised upon the subject of making their wills while they are in apparent health. But this precaution should be taken by our brethren. They should arrange their property in such a manner that they may leave it at any time.

I have been shown that some men who are shrewd, prudent and sharp in regard to transactions of business, generally men who are distinguished for promptness, manifest a want of foresight and promptness in regard to a proper disposal of their property while they are living. They know not how soon their probation may close; yet they pass on from year to year with their business unsettled and frequently their lives finally close without their having the use of their reason. Or they may die suddenly, without a moments warning, and their property be disposed of in a manner that they would not have approved. These are guilty of negligence, they are unfaithful stewards.

Many manifest a needless delicacy on this point. They feel that they are stepping on forbidden ground when they introduce the subject of property to the aged or the invalids, in order to learn what disposition they design to make of it. But this duty is just as sacred as the duty to preach the word to save souls. There are aged ones among us who are nearing the close of their probation; but for the want of wide awake men to secure to the cause of God the means in

their possession it passes into the hands of those who are serving Satan.

Christians must look upon themselves only as channels through which mercies and blessings are to flow from the Fountain of all goodness to their fellow-men, by whose conversion they may send to heaven waves of glory in praise and offerings from those who thus become partakers with them of the heavenly gift.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

NO MUZZLE

THE divine command was "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn." Deut. 25:4. There was nothing to prohibit their muzzling the ox on other occasions, but when he was patiently treading out the kernels of ripe grain *then* he was at liberty to eat of the grain. Only the ox doing the work of treading out the grain was to be free from the muzzle. Other oxen were not allowed to eat from the threshing-floor.

God designed from this to teach an important spiritual lesson. Paul brings this out quite clearly in 1 Cor. 9:9-14, where, after quoting Deut. 25:4, he adds, "Doth God take care for oxen? or saith He it altogether for our sakes? *For our sakes, no doubt, this was written; . . . that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.*" He then shows that the one that ministers in spiritual things should share in the carnal things of the one ministered unto, and adds, "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? *Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.*" How did they "which ministered about holy things" live of the temple? We answer in the Lord's own words: "*I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance . . . for their service which they serve even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.*" Num. 18:21. The question naturally arises, How does the Lord get the tenth to give it to the priests? I have known individuals who were so accustomed to careless dealing that they would borrow from their neighbors, and finally

conclude the borrowed article was their own property. Many have dealt in this way with the Lord; but God says, "*All the tithe (tenth) of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, it is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord.*" Lev. 27:30.

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: the world and they that dwell therein." Ps. 24:1. If we would be allowed to use the term, The Lord has only "leased" or "rented" the earth to man, and the terms of the "lease" are a faithful return of one-tenth of all the income to the great Landlord; but the mass of humanity steal the "rent money," ignore the claims of the Owner, and spend all for themselves. God set apart His "rent money," the tenth, or tithe, to support the Gospel ministry. If all paid a faithful tithe the work would soon be finished, and the Saviour return for His people.

Everybody, both saint and sinner, is under obligation to pay an honest tithe to the Lord. If the Lord's plan was fully carried out it would advance His cause and purify the ministry, for only the faithful minister who is winning souls is entitled to live upon the tithe, for only the ox treading the ripened grain was entitled to eat from the threshing-floor. —Mrs. S. N. Haskell, in *Bible Training School*.

COMMERCIALISM

I BEG those bearing responsibilities in God's cause to let no commercial enterprise interpose between them and the work of soul saving. Let no business enterprise be allowed to absorb the time and talent of workers who ought to be engaged in preparing the people for the coming of the Lord. The truth is to go forth as a lamp that burneth. Time is short; the enemy will make every effort to magnify in our minds matters of lesser consequence, and lead us to regard lightly the very work that needs most to be done.

The things of this earth are soon to perish. This is not discerned by those who have not been divinely enlightened, who have not kept pace with the work of God. Consecrated men and women must go forth to sound the warning in the highways and byways.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

He need never despair who faces difficulties under divine direction.

TITHE REPORT FOR MARCH

Akron	40 70
Angola	
Anderson	
Auburn	
Bass Lake	
Barbers Mills	
Boggs	15 58
Brookston	
Beath	24 00
Connersville	20 35
Corunna	
Denver	12 40
Dana	14 02
Evansville	16 65
Elnora	1 70
Elwood	120 00
Etna Green	13 48
Farmersburg	13 24
Fayette Sanitarium	
Fort Wayne	6 52
Franklin	17 80
Frankton	4 79
Grass Creek	53 30
Glenwood	5 13
Greenfield	34 67
Gum Corners	2 20
Hartford City	3 41
Honey Creek	28 00
Huntington	6 74
Idaville	3 00
Indianapolis (23rd street)	160 54
Indianapolis (East Side)	25 90
Indianapolis (West Side)	12 37
Individuals	48 00
Inwood	8 65
Jefferson	
Jonesboro	26 18
Kennard	10 00
Kokomo	6 00
LaFayette	133 23
Lebanon	10 60
Ligonier	22 57
Linton	81 66
Logansport	48 77
Michaels	50 70
Mechanicsburg	17 84
Medaryville	7 02
Marion	13 11
Michigan City	1 16
Middletown	
Mt. Vernon	22 35
Mt. Zion	13 70
Morocco	
Muncie	17 47
Martinsville	5 78
New London	
Noblesville	3 23
Northfield	
New Marion	
North Liberty	1 60
Olive Branch	
Olivet Chapel	28 50
Ooltie	3 62
Patrickburg	6 90
Peru	25 40
Petersburg	
Plensant View	8 27
Princeton	14 45
Royal Center	4 40
Richmond	15 20
Rochester	
Rocklaue	
Salem	
South Bend	33 98
South Milford	
Terre Haute	15 79
Unionville	
Wabash	
Waldron	17 35
Walkerton	
Waterloo	
West Liberty	
Windfall	
Wolf Lake	5 76
Total receipts	\$ 1385 73

THE worst pride is to boast of our humility.

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MEETINGS AT WOLF LAKE

Our meetings here are still in progress. The Lord has manifested His presence, and given us fruit for our labors. We are now gathering up the sheaves. Fourteen have united with the church, and much good has been accomplished in other ways. There will be twelve or more awaiting baptism as soon as the weather is a little warmer. We have had excellent meetings from the beginning. The house has been nearly filled every night, although the weather has been unfavorable.

I have felt much of the presence of the Lord as I have entered the pulpit to present the great truths of the message; and these things are becoming, to me, a living reality. It is becoming plainer to me each day that

the Lord has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.

Do not forget to pray for me and my work. I desire to be filled with the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. I want my understanding to become enlightened, and I must have it before I can make sure proof of my ministry.

Your brother in Christ,

JOHN F. STEELE.

DISTINGUISHED MEN WHO WERE ONCE CANVASSERS

We often meet people who seem to think that the canvassing work is not good enough for them. Parents sometimes say that the canvassing work is a grand work, and then deny it by their actions and by encouraging their sons and daughters to enter almost any other line of work. Some of the greatest men this country ever produced attribute a large degree of their success to the time spent in canvassing for some good book.

George Washington sold "Bydell's American Savage," and in and around Alexandria, Virginia, sold more than two hundred copies. Jay Gould, Mark Twain, and Longfellow all sold books as agents. Daniel Webster paid his second term tuition at Dartmouth by acting as local agent for DeTacquiville's "America." Bret Harte was a book agent in the fall of 1849 and the spring of 1850. General Grant, subsequent to his resignation from the army and before his venture on the Dent farm, took part of the territory of a general agent to sell Irving's "Columbus." Rutherford B. Hayes in his younger days canvassed for the well known book, "Baxter's Saint's Rest." Blaine and Blinn, two of the world's greatest statesmen, were canvassers. When the latter attended the University of Heidelberg he spent the entire vacation in canvassing for "Blumenback's Hand-Book"; and it may be said that Mr. Blaine began life as a canvasser, taking orders for a work en-

titled "The Life of Henry Clay." Bonaparte took the agency for a work entitled "The History of the Revolution"; and in the Palace of the Louvre may be seen to-day, under a glass case, the little canvassing outfit of the great emperor and within it the long list of names which he secured. James A. Garfield paid his way through Williams college by selling books.

The lives and success of these great men, as well as many who are now connected with our work, make us proud of our company. Not only is the canvassing work glorified by such men, but they may well thank it for a large measure of their success. This is a noble work, and a noble work will make noble men and women. It is no wonder that Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage said he always felt like lifting his hat to the solicitor for good books, for they were doing more good than he could ever hope to do.

R. J. BRYANT.

OUR FOREIGN PAPERS

On account of the demand for more of the special numbers of our German papers which we issued last October, a second edition has just been run; so we are now prepared to fill orders again for that number. Price 5 cents, ten or more copies, 3 cents each.

This week we are running a special number of our Swedish paper, 16 pages and cover, on the subject of "Church Federation," and "Capital and Labor," illustrated. Price 5 cents for single copies, ten or more 2½ cents each.

Next week we will issue a special number of our Danish-Norwegian paper, a "Religious Liberty" number, illustrated, 16 pages and cover. Price 5 cents, ten or more copies, 2½ cents each.

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CANVASSER'S REPORT FOR THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 1906.

NAME.	PLACE.	Book.	Hours.	Orders	Value.	Value Helps	Total Value	Orders from Office.
Bernard, F. G.	Goshen	Gt. Con.			\$ 38 50	\$ 3 00	\$41 50	
Carmichael, H. C.	Lawrence Co.	Steps to Chr.			5 00	8 25	13 25	
Grim, Martin	Clay Co.	Gt. Con.	144	57	149 25	12 75	162 00	
Kent, C. Mary	Lebanon	Bible Read.	29	8	17 00		17 00	
Metzker, Athen	Delaware Co.	Gt. Con.	99	25	62 50		62 50	
Priddy, Donna	Lebanon	Bible Read.	61	15	34 00	1 25	35 25	
Totals			333	105	\$ 306 25	\$25 25	\$331 50	

NEWS and NOTES

Working the church is far from doing church work.

No man ever did the things he thought he could not do.

THE Lake Union Conference will be held at Berrien Springs, Mich., May 8-18.

ELDER REES is now holding a series of meetings with the 23rd street church. Pray for the work in this large city.

BROTHER H. C. CARMICHAEL, a veteran canvasser, has returned to this state, and will take up the canvassing work at Heltonville.

ELDER YOUNG was with the Salem church Sabbath and Sunday, March 31st and April 1st. The brethren were encouraged by his visit.

OUR canvassers are having good success in their work, considering the weather and the limited time put in in actual work in the field.

THE Bible workers in Indianapolis are meeting with some success. A few have recently taken a stand for the truth as a result of Bible work.

ELDER J. C. HARRIS is visiting the isolated brethren and sisters in the north-eastern part of the state. We have heard good reports of his visits.

ELDER STONE spoke at the 23rd street church, Indianapolis, Sabbath, March 31st, and also Sunday night, April 1st. The subjects presented contained present truth for this time.

OUR workers at Connersville are still meeting with some success in their work. Recently some of the nurses went out one evening and sold eighty copies of the *Signs of the Times*.

We invite all to read very carefully the first article in the *REPORTER* from the pen of the Lord's servant, Mrs. E. G. White. This article contains matter which is meat in due season.

BROTHER STEELE has closed his meetings at Wolf Lake. There were about fifteen new converts, fourteen uniting with the church. There are others deeply interested, for whom they have hope.

ELDER ALLEN MOON, president of the Lake Union Conference, is much

improved, since the amputation of his foot. He is now in Washington attending the council of the General Conference Committee.

BROTHER OLMSTED and wife have undoubtedly reached their new field of labor, South Africa, ere this. They had a safe and pleasant journey to England. They will report their work in Africa from time to time for the readers of the *REPORTER*.

ELDER F. M. ROBERTS was called home from his work at Princeton on account of the sickness of his wife. The last report states that she is some better, but still unable to sit up. They desire the prayers of God's people for her speedy recovery.

THE work at Logansport is making progress. The church there has bought a lot, and purchased a building which has been moved onto the lot, and is being fitted up for a meeting place. It will be a great improvement over their former place of worship.

THE *Signs* club rate has been advanced from 90 cents to \$1.00, as there has been a loss in printing the paper at 90 cents. Our librarians will make note of this, and I am sure all will approve of this change rather than to have our publishing house constantly losing money.

"HAVE you been asking in vain for a minister to come and labor in your vicinity?—Take a club of the *Signs*, and put one in each home in your place. It will reach many persons who would not come to hear an Adventist minister. Of eighty persons who have become Seventh-day Adventists through reading our periodicals, fifty-four give credit to the *Signs of the Times*." Address orders to Tract Society.

HAVING had a number of inquiries here of late as to the price of Wesson Cooking Oil, we now quote the present prices—we pay freight. In barrels of about 410 pounds, 6 3/4 cents per pound; one half barrel, about 210 pounds, 7 1/4 cents per pound. Six ten-pound cans in a case, \$6.00; or thirty two-pound cans in case, \$6.00. If you are not using this oil, give us a trial order. We can recommend it highly. Address our Office.

THE CENTURY VEXING PROBLEM

It has been stated that the difficulties arising between capital and labor is "the century vexing problem." The most of our readers will remember the very excellent number of the *Signs of the Times* that was printed nearly two years ago on this ques-

tion of Capital and Labor. This paper had one of the most striking cover designs that has ever been produced. Articles by the leading men covering the principles of this great question were given. It has a very striking double page illustration in the center of the paper.

Altogether it is one of the most convincing, attractive and useful numbers of the *Signs of the Times* that have ever been issued. And while it was gotten out two years ago, the matter it contains setting forth the great principles underlying this subject, as well as the prophecies pertaining to it, are even more important now than they were then.

The *Signs* Office still has several thousand copies of this issue on hand, and we would like to invite our brethren and sisters throughout the field to assist us in disposing of them. This valuable matter should be in the hands of the people. Will you not help? The price, taken in quantities of 50 or more, is 1 1/2 cents a copy. Less than 50, 1 3/4 cents. One hundred or more, one cent a copy. Send your order to Pacific Press Publishing Co., Mountain View, Cal. O. A. TAIT.

SOME DON'TS FOR CANVASSERS

Don't let a fine house, a biting dog or a locked gate keep you away from the people.

Don't fail to make yourself useful to the people with whom you are stopping.

Don't be afraid to tell the people that you are a Seventh-day Adventist when asked.

Don't spend Sundays and rainy days down town, but use them for study.

Don't sit on a barrel head and munch crackers and cheese for dinner, but exchange a book for a good warm meal.

Don't spend your change for meals, lodging, rigs, and other necessities, but turn a book, and thus get them for half price or less.

Don't fail to deliver a book because you don't happen to have others close by, but go if it costs you more than the book is worth.

Don't think that the state agent, the office force, or the president of the Conference never appreciate an encouraging word or letter, but hold up their hands, and cheer them up a little. CHAS. G. BELLAH.