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A TIME TO SHOW OUR LOYALTY

SABBATH, July 4, the people of the United States to a greater or less extent will be given up to debauchery, gluttony, drinking, pleasure, sight-seeing, and spending lavishly thousands of dollars that could and should be spent in a better cause.

At a low estimate enough money will be spent in Indiana for fireworks, simply to burn up, to support all our missions in foreign fields for one year, which requires about one thousand dollars a day, or \$350,000 for the year. Millions of dollars will be spent throughout the United States in this way, and not a single person will be benefited thereby, but scores of persons will

lose their lives and be wounded and maimed for life.

While it is right to be loyal to our government, we should not show that loyalty by a waste of money the Lord has entrusted to us. As the Fourth of July comes on the Sabbath, and thus separates us from the world, it is a good time to teach the children to sacrifice their natural desires to join the world in this pleasure, and devote the means which might be spent in this manner to helping the needy mission fields.

There should be no temptation on our part to join the world on this day in its amusements. While the Fourth of July has been set apart by men to celebrate our independence and liberty from the oppression of men, it falls this year on that day set apart by God himself, the Great Deliverer, not only from the power and oppression of men, but from the power of sin and Satan. The Sabbath day is as much above the day thus celebrated as God is greater than man; so while others are paying tribute to things temporal let us worship Him who created all things, and the One upon whom we must depend for every blessing.

A program has been prepared by the General Conference for Sabbath, July 4, and the service may be made a very profitable one. Not only this, but the third quarterly meeting of the year falls upon this day; and, if entered into in the spirit of the Master, a deeper blessing may be received by all our people, and make this a memorable Sabbath in days to come.

The past few years have been years of bountiful crops, years of plenty. No one has reason to complain, nor is there yet a dearth. Crops bid fair to be above the average this year; business is becoming more settled; shops are opening; and all are coming to realize that there will be but little difference in the operation of the government whichever

party is in power. With prosperity in financial matters, and freedom to push our work, Seventh-day Adventists ought to manifest the utmost zeal in pushing forward their work, which is as much more important than the work of earthly governments, as the work of God is more important than the selfish works of men.

This mid-summer offering ought to be a most liberal one—the largest for Indiana that we have ever received. If we carry out the recommendation of the General Conference to raise a sum equal to ten cents a week for our entire membership for the year, our donations will need to be greatly increased in this general offering. Let us not be satisfied in this offering by giving a few cents, but let our offerings come in sums ranging from one to five, ten, or twenty-five dollars. I am certain God will greatly bless those who come up to the help of the Lord on this occasion.

Will not our church officers take the lead in this matter, and make this Fourth of July offering, which falls on a high day this year, one that will be remembered by all, both old and young, because of the special blessing of God manifested toward our liberality. God is soon to gather His people,—those who have made a covenant with him by sacrifice. How many of us have really made very great sacrifices for the cause of God? What have we denied ourselves? Let us do something this time that will cause us to deprive ourselves of something that is really needed, and I am sure God will richly bless us. May Sabbath, July 4, be a blessed day to all of God's people everywhere.

W. J. STONE.

A MAN may have enough of the world to sink him, but he can never have enough to satisfy him.

—T. Brooks.

AN IMPORTANT MATTER

It has already been announced that on Sabbath, the fourth of July, an offering for missions will be taken in all our churches. As that offering is for the most worthy and a very needy cause it ought to be a liberal one. We appeal most earnestly to every member of our ranks to give this matter thoughtful, prayerful consideration.

This fourth-of-July offering should be the largest mid-summer offering we have ever made. There are more of us to contribute than ever before; we have more missionaries in foreign lands than ever before; our annual expenditure for missions is larger, by far, than ever before; and the Lord has blessed us with means as liberally as ever in our lives.

Again we appeal most earnestly to every one who loves this cause to stop and think seriously about this matter. Are you anxious that the coming fourth-of-July offering shall be a large one in order that our missions shall receive the help they need? Are you studying and planning how you can personally make a liberal contribution? Are you using all the influence you can to encourage others to offer liberally? If not, why not? Is not this message of Revelation fourteen from God? Is it not due to the world just now? Is not the end of all things in this world near at hand? If so, should not every one identified with this cause be interested in providing the means required to let all the world know what God has so graciously made known to us?

The fourth day of July this year will come on the seventh day of the week. Thus the birthday of this nation and the birthday of this world will fall on the same day. It is to be regretted beyond all expression that the great masses of the people in the United States will be entirely forgetful of the memorial day God has set apart to commemorate the creation of the world in which we live, while they give themselves up so enthusiastically to the observance of the memorial day of the nation. Nor is that all; on that day thousands of dollars will be worse than wasted. Their expenditure will not be for a proper and suitable commemoration of the great event the day has been set apart to honor. Were the fourth of

July to fall on Monday or Tuesday, Seventh-day Adventists could not conscientiously spend their money for that to which such vast sums will be given.

The fact is, we must resolutely turn our faces away from the world's way. This we are endeavoring to do in this plan for a fourth-of-July offering to missions; On that day we shall absent ourselves from the masses. Instead of taking part in the revelry of the day, we shall be worshiping God,—adoring Him for the blessings of this land. Instead of devoting the means he has so graciously given us, to liquor, tobacco, races, theaters, etc., we shall consecrate it to missionary service for the salvation of poor, lost souls. We shall not even feel free to spend much for that which might be considered harmless; for we believe that there is a higher and better use to which we should devote our means.

Surely every one who understands our message must commend this plan that we have adopted. It is the only consistent course for us to take. And now we once more earnestly appeal to our people to throw themselves with all their hearts into this arrangement. We should carry out our plan of celebration with just as much earnestness, enthusiasm, and good cheer as the nation will carry out its plans. O that all our people might see the meaning of these things! O that each individual would do his part conscientiously and heartily as unto the Lord. May the Spirit of God help us all at this time.

A. G. DANIELLS.



"IT'S JUST MONEY, MONEY, MONEY"

How often we hear this expression can not be told, but I am satisfied that we hear it altogether too frequently. Not because there are too many calls, but for the reason that there are too many who do not give to the limit of their ability and opportunity. I have not yet heard those who were bringing offerings or donations making complaint of this kind. They are glad for the opportunity to help the work, and usually wish that they had more to give. Then I have wondered if those who bring no gifts are the ones who make this complaint. My brother, my sister, how is it

where *you* are? Who is it that is finding fault because of these continued calls for money? Is it the ones who give or those who withhold? I know one who gives but little, yet spends from fifty cents to a dollar each week for candy alone.

This last message is going mightily now, and it takes much money. We can not—dare not—think of leaving this work to another generation. There isn't to be any other. It must be carried by the people now living. It must be sent and supported by people now living,—while others are giving, you and I should be faithful in this grace. The money that is now in circulation is what is to be used in closing up this work. Will you do all you possibly can to turn money into the channels where it will help carry forward this message?

The following is a picture of the man who gave nothing, but grumbled much:—

Publican.—"And how do you like being married, John?"

John.—"Don't like it at all."

Publican.—"Why, what's the matter wi' she, John?"

John.—"Well, the first thing in the morning, it's money; when I goes 'ome to my dinner, it's money again; and at supper, it's the same. Nothing but money, money, money."

Publican.—"Well, I never! What do she do wi' all that money?"

John.—"I dunno. I ain't given her any yet."

This man grumbled because it was "money, money, money" all the time, but had never given any. Now my dear brother or sister, if you have been grumbling and not giving, just reverse the matter, quit grumbling and begin to do some generous giving. Redeem the time while there is yet opportunity.

We ought all to rejoice as we see the \$150,000 is so nearly all paid in. We are truly thankful that so much has been contributed to establish the Sanitarium. But more is yet needed. Now do not say, "O it's just money, money, money," but instead, rejoice as David did, 1 Chron. 29:10-18. Then will this people truly rejoice, and also see the message advancing with still greater power.

W. A. YOUNG.



"Men will be honest with one another when they are honest with themselves."

WHY PAY A TENTH

"As to the amount required, God has specified one-tenth of the increase. This is left to conscience and benevolence of men, whose judgment in this tithing system should have free play. And while it is left free to the conscience, a plan has been laid out definite enough for all. No compulsion is required." *Test. Vol. 3, page 394.* "The tenth shall beholy unto the Lord. Lev. 27:32.

Sometimes it may be said, "I am in debt, and this requirement does not apply to me." The Lord tell us that there are some who "have no income that they can spare from the necessities of their families. But there are many of this class who might ask themselves the question, Am I giving according to what I might have had?" *Idem p. 400.* Why have they fallen into this close place? Of some, if not of many, it may be truly said, "When they robbed God in tithes and in offerings they were made to realize that they were not only robbing Him but themselves; for He limited His blessings to them, just in proportion as they limited their offerings to Him." *Idem p. 395.*

Now, if our disaster has been brought upon us by our own wrong course, let us like Jacob make our vows to-day before God that if He will give us bread to eat and raiment to put on we will surely give a tenth to Him. Shall we not do this? If not, why not? Some have said they could not afford to give a tenth, but do these limit the time of their need of the blessing to the passing year, or do they take eternity into their reckoning? Multitudes fail to do this, and thus are too short-sighted in their reckonings. Let us look beyond to-day as seeing Him who is invisible, and thus by faith take hold of the eternal realities.

It is said that once an infidel boasted that his crops were better than were those of his pious neighbors. One of these, not noted for wit, replied to this thrust at God, "My friend, God does not settle in full in October." Not in time, but in eternity, are we to reap the results of our doings.

"The only means which God has ordained to advance His cause is to bless men with property. He gives them the sunshine and the rain; He causes vegetation to flourish; He

gives health and ability to acquire means. All our blessings come from His bountiful hand. In return He would have men and women show their gratitude by returning Him a portion in tithes and offerings." *Test. Vol. 5, page 150.* In other words He gives us all we need and more too, that we may return a tenth to Him. He says that that is His and He calls for it. That is the way He translates sunshine and rain, thought and activity, into a gospel message to man. Then after returning the tenth there is yet enough of all that He has given us that we may make offerings for His work. Who will consecrate themselves this day to be translators for God—to take the gifts He bestows upon us, and translate them into a furtherance of the gospel message, both to those that are nigh, and to those that are afar off, by bringing in a full tithe?

Let us hear Him again on this point. "All should remember that God's claims upon us underlie every other claim. He gives to us bountifully, and the contract"—mark that word, for when we *accept* the blessing, we put our hand to the contract,—“and the contract which He has made with man is that a tenth of his possessions shall be returned to God. . . . This distinct arrangement was made by Jesus Christ Himself.

"This work involves solemn and eternal results, and it is too sacred to be left to human impulse. We should not feel free to deal with this matter as we choose. In answer to the claims of God, *regular reserves* should be set apart as sacred to His work." *Test. Vol 6, p. 384.*

Let these words of heavenly counsel find large room in every life. Then we will always see that we never can afford to use for ourselves that which the Lord claims as His very own.

W. A. YOUNG.

WITHOUT EXCUSE

It is a heaven-appointed plan that men should return to the Lord His own; and this is so plainly stated that men and women have no excuse for misunderstanding or evading the duties and responsibilities God has laid upon them. Those who claim that they can not see this to be their duty, reveal to the heavenly uni-

verse, to the church, and to the world that they do not want to see this plainly stated requirement. They think that by following the Lord's plan they would detract from their own possessions. In the covetousness of their selfish souls, they desire to have the whole capital, both principal and interest, to use for their own benefit.

God lays His hand upon all man's possessions, saying, I am the owner of the universe, and these goods are Mine. The tithe you have withheld, I reserved for the support of My servants in their work of opening the Scriptures to those who are in the regions of darkness, who do not understand My law. In using My reserve fund to gratify your own desires, you have robbed souls of the light which I have made provision for them to receive. You have had opportunity to show loyalty to Me, but you have not done this. You have robbed Me; you have stolen My reserve fund. "Ye are cursed with a curse."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.



A LETTER FROM SISTER WHITE

THE following is taken from a letter concerning the importance of the present opportunities for missionary work along temperance lines;

"I have words of encouragement to speak in regard to the special number of the *Watchman*, which the Southern Publishing House is soon to bring out. I shall rejoice to see our conferences help in this work by taking a large number of this issue for circulation. Let there be no forbiddings placed upon the effort, but let all take hold to give this temperance number a wide circulation.

"There could not be a better time than now for a movement of this kind, when the temperance question is creating such a wide spread interest. Let our people everywhere take hold decidedly to let it be seen where we stand on the temperance question. Let everything possible be done to circulate strong, stirring appeals for the closing of the saloon. Let this paper be made a power for good. Our work for temperance is to be more spirited, more decided.

"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is an organization with whose efforts for the spread of temperance principles we can heartily

unite. The light has been given me that we are not to stand aloof from them, but, while there is to be no sacrifice of principle on our part, as far as possible we are to unite with them in laboring for temperance reforms. My husband and I in our labors united with these temperance workers, and we had the joy of seeing several unite with us in the observance of the true Sabbath. Among them there is a strong prejudice against us, but we will not remove this prejudice by standing aloof. God is testing us. We are to work with them when we can, and we can assuredly do this on the question of utterly closing the saloon." MRS. E. G. WHITE.

May 24, 1908.

"LIFE AND HEALTH"

How many of our readers are familiar with our health journal, *Life and Health*? How many realize that this journal is published with a view of meeting the needs of every home,—teaching obedience to hygienic principles in the care of health, and emphasizing individual duty in preserving life and health as long as possible? How many are familiar with the principles it represents, and the simple home treatment it prescribes for various diseases? How many comprehend the real need of this journal in their own homes and the in the homes of their neighbors and friends? How many know that true religion and the laws of health go hand in hand, and that it is impossible to work for the salvation of individuals without teaching them to discard sinful gratifications which prevent spiritual things from impressing their mind? Who among our readers are being impressed with the fact that all who believe the special message for this day and age are obligated to do all they can in the circulation of our health literature?

Let none forget that the circulation of *Life and Health* will be a powerful agency in preparing the people to accept the special truths that are to fit them for the soon coming of the Son of Man.

Send for sample copy and special rates to agents.

If you wait on the Lord, you will always keep ahead of the Devil.

NEWS AND NOTES

LOCAL camp-meeting at La Grange July 14-20.

GENERAL camp-meeting at La-Fayette August 6-16.

WE are printing this extra issue of the REPORTER largely on account of the mid-summer offering and the Sabbath service of July 4, hoping that by calling the special attention of our people to this question they will give it more attention than has been given in the past to our general collections. The Mission Board is greatly in need of funds, and we hope to see a very liberal offering.

LA GRANGE

WE came to this place June 9, and secured a place for our tent on Main Street opposite the court house. We believe it is the place the Lord wanted us to have. We began meetings the 11th with a small attendance. The next night there was show across the street, but about the same number came to the tent. The next day, Sabbath, we organized a Sabbath-school with ten members. Our attendance is increasing, and interest deepening. Two persons have told us they were going to obey the truth. They have been troubled over the matter for some time.

When we first came, the people acted afraid of us, but that is wearing away. The lumber dealer has been very kind in loaning us the lumber we have needed; and the music dealer let us have the use of an organ. I believe the Lord led in the workers' meeting in the decision to hold a tent effort here, also in the selection of Brother Boston to labor with me.

The Lord is giving power to the word spoken. My prayer is that all the Sabbath-keepers in this part of the state will attend the camp-meeting at this place July 14-20, and that we will receive a wonderful blessing. Do not let trifles keep you from coming. The Lord has exhorted us to meet together, and so much the more as we see the day approaching. We will not have these privileges much longer. I would be glad to hear from all the tent companies.

Let us pray for each other that God may bless our efforts.

B. HAGLE.

A DECEPTION

A NUMBER of our brethren and sisters in Indiana have received printed matter sent out by an apostate by the name of J. M. Garmire. On the envelopes containing this literature he has written the names of different workers in the Indiana Conference, in order to deceive the ones receiving the literature, and causing them to believe that these workers have sent them the literature, and that they endorse it. Some of our brethren receiving this literature thought at first that some of our workers were being carried away with Garmire's views and were thus sending this literature on to them. Anyone that will resort to such deceptive means to advance his peculiar views should be stamped at once as a deceiver, and his literature thrown into the fire. This is not our Lord's manner of working. We wish to warn all of our brethren against the influence of these deceptive leaflets.

W. J. STONE.

NOTICE!

THE Sanitarium needs many rags, such as old sheets, pillow-cases, and old clothing, for dusting, cleaning, and mopping. Many of our people may have these things that they would willingly give the sanitarium. If our churches can make up a box or barrel of this class of things, and send freight prepaid to the Sanitarium at La Fayette, the favor will be greatly appreciated. Others might bring such things when they come to the camp-meeting. W. J. S.

WANTED, FOR SALE, ETC.

FOR SALE—My property in Wolf Lake, Ind. A good six room house with basement. Good well water and cistern; good barn; nearly all kinds of fruit on lot. Will sell with house furnished or not as desired. A good Church School one and one-fourth miles away. Three minutes walk to S. D. A. Church. Possession given about Oct. 1st. For terms Address, MRS. BERTHA KERN, Wolf Lake, Ind.