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A FAITHFUL TITHE

Undue Carelessness Permitted

MANY presidents of State Conferences do not attend to that which is their work,—to see that the elders and deacons of the churches do their work in the churches seeing that a faithful tithe is brought into the treasury. Malachi has specified that the condition of prosperity depends upon bringing to God's treasury that which is His own. This principle needs to be often brought before the men who are lax in their duty to God and who are neglectful and careless in bringing in their tithes, gifts, and offer-

ings to God. "Will a man rob God?" "Wherein have we robbed Thee?" is the question asked by the unfaithful stewards. The answer comes plain and positive, "In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room to receive it." Please read the whole chapter, and see if words could be spoken that would be more plain and positive than these. They are so positive that any one who desires to understand his whole duty to God needs to make no mistake in the matter. If men offer any excuse as to why they do not perform this duty, it is because they are selfish, and have not the love and fear of God in their hearts.

No Excuse for Neglect in Payment of Tithes

The Lord has always required this response to His arrangements in carrying forward His work in our world. He has never changed His own devised plans. He lays claim to all His own and of that entrusted to man He claims His portion. "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts."

Those who claim that they can not understand this plain and decisive statement,—which, if they are obedient, means so much to them in blessings which will be received when even the windows of heaven will be opened and blessings poured out to overflowing,—are not honest before God. Their excuse that they

did not know the will of God will be of no avail for them in the great day of judgment.

All to Do Their Duty

Let the neglected tithe be now brought in. Let the men be honest in their dealing with God. Let those who have withheld their tithes send them in . . . that they may be right with God, and never, never again run any risk of being cursed of God. Presidents of our conferences, do your duty; speak not your own words but a plain "thus saith the Lord." Elders of churches, do your duty. Labor from home to home, that the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter which involves such a blessing or such a curse.

Let all who fear God come up to the help of the Lord, and show themselves faithful stewards. The truth must go to all parts of the world. I have been shown that many in our churches are robbing God in tithes and offerings. God will execute upon them just that which He has declared. To the obedient, He will give rich blessings; to the transgressor, a curse. Every man who bears the message of truth to our churches must do his duty by warning, educating, rebuking. Any neglect of duty, which is a robbery toward God, means a curse upon the delinquent.

The Lord will not hold guiltless those who are deficient in doing the work that He requires at their hands,—in seeing that the church is kept wholesome and healthy, spiritually, and doing all their duty; in allowing no neglect which will bring the threatened curse upon His people. A curse is pronounced upon all who withhold their tithe from God. He says, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me

even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house."

This is not a request of man; it is one of God's ordinances, whereby His work may be sustained and carried on in the world. God help us to repent. "Return unto Me," he says, "and I will return unto you." Men who have a desire to do their duty have it laid down in clear lines in this chapter. No one can excuse himself from paying his tithes and offerings to the Lord.

The Lord bestows His gifts abundantly upon us. He "so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Every blessing we have comes through Jesus Christ. Then shall we arouse, and do our duty toward God, upon whom we are dependent for life and health, for His blessings upon our crops and fields, our cattle, our herds, and our vineyards? We are assured if we give to the Lord's treasury we shall receive of Him again; but if we withhold our means, He will withhold His blessing from us, and send a curse upon the unfaithful.

God has said, "Prove me now herewith, . . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." What a wonderful presentation in promised blessings He is giving us! Who can venture to rob God in tithes and offerings with such a promise as this? "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before her time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.



COMMUNION SERVICE

A Few Words to Church Elders and Deacons

With a constant changing of local church officers it often happens that persons are chosen who have had but little, if any, instruction along the lines of duty they are expected to perform.

Then again, it sometimes happens that for lack of a little forethought this solemn service is robbed of its beauty and solemnity by a failure to properly prepare for it. It is the purpose of this article to mention

some things that are necessary to the holding of a successful communion service.

First. The Elder should announce the time far enough ahead so that the whole membership might learn of it, and be in attendance if possible.

The fact that it is more than an ordinary service should be kept prominently before the people. Emphasis should also be given to the need of personal preparation (embracing cleanliness of person and apparel) that our appearance and deportment at this service should all be in keeping with its nature and design.

Second. If there is an ordained deacon it will be his duty to prepare the bread and wine, and see that the basins and towels are ready and in proper condition for the service. Rusty or poorly kept basins mar the sanctity of this sacred service.

The time having arrived, the table should be covered with a clean, white spread upon which should be placed two plates and at least two glasses with the sacred emblems to be used, and these covered with another white covering. All these necessary articles should be in readiness for the service, and not allowed to remain in some receptacle in the church until the very hour needed for another service, and then brought out dusty and unfit for use.

Third. The next item of interest to be considered is the preparation of the sacred emblems. Communion bread may be made as follows: "Take eight ounces of fine flour and one full ounce of butter. Cut the butter into small pieces, then rub it into the flour, dry until it disappears; add just water enough to make a very stiff dough. This may be improved by pounding with a mallet until it can be rolled out smooth. Roll out about three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness. Then crease with a knife, pricking through every half inch both ways, making into squares about nine-sixteenths of an inch across. Be sure to cut deep enough so that it will break easily into squares. Bake in a hot oven about fifteen minutes."

Elder J. N. Loughborough, from whom I received this, says that it is the same recipe that is followed in preparing the Jewish Passover bread.

The wine used should be the unfer-

mented juice of the grape. This may be had at any season of the year by canning the same as fruit.

Fourth. After the service is over, care should be taken by the persons in charge to see that proper disposition is made of the bread and wine remaining over. This should not be given to the children as is sometimes the case. By so doing the sacred is placed on an equality with the common, and unconsciously, perhaps, the children are being educated to have no higher regard for them. These emblems prepared by consecrated hands are sacred, and should be so regarded by every one.

Then whatever disposition is made of them let it be in keeping with this thought, and in no way lessen or destroy the sacred regard in which they should be held.

I would suggest, in closing, that burying or burning would be in accord with what they are designed to represent.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, Pres. Ohio Conf.



CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, the Conference Committee and Auditing Committee met at the vestry in the 23rd St. church, Indianapolis, to audit the accounts of the laborers for the past year. The persons selected to act with the Conference Committee were J. W. Johnston of Boggs town, W. H. Edwards of South Bend, Jesse Jared of Logansport, E. Nash of Kokomo, Wm. Cunningham of Middletown, and Emmanuel Grounds of Linton. The meeting passed off very harmoniously, and I think that all felt that we have never had a meeting which was more satisfactory than this one.

Brother J. W. Moore had sent in his resignation as financial agent of the Conference, which resignation was accepted, and Wm. P. Cunningham of Middletown was selected to fill the vacancy.

The time of holding the Conference was considered. Elder Moon, President of the Lake Union Conference, met with us and told us that there were two dates open which we could have; one was the last week in January and the other the first week in February; but for various reasons it was thought best to have the Conference meeting held the first week of February, from February

1-8. The church at Jonesboro had given a very cordial invitation to have the Conference held there, stating the Methodist would grant the use of their church, that they have a kitchen and dining-room in connection with the church, and that they would give us the free use of both the church and the dining-room, and that all of our delegates could be accommodated there with meals. They also agreed to furnish lodging among the citizens free for all the delegates. This seemed to be the best opening in the Conference, so it was voted to hold the next Conference at Jonesboro. There will be a charge of 20 cents a meal for breakfast and dinner, but no charges for lodging. We hope to see a good representation from our churches, and trust that the blessing of God will rest in a large measure upon this annual Conference. Let all pray that this may be so.

W. J. STONE.

ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

EVERY church should have a complete list of officers. Many churches omit one or more of the officials in their annual elections, and for that reason we give the list herewith.

Elder
Deacon
Clerk
Treasurer
Missionary Secretary
Religious Liberty Secretary
Organist

"Chorister may be added to the list in some places, and in a very few instances "Organist" may be omitted. Frequently it is necessary to select one person to fill two or even three different offices in a church, but some one should be selected for each of the offices mentioned.

The duties of these several officers are important. We do not purpose here to give the duties, but merely to call attention to the department in the *Review* entitled, "The Church," which contains, in the issue of December 10, on page 20, articles concerning "The Church Missionary Secretary" and "The Church Treasurer." In other issues of the paper, the duties of other officials have been discussed.

All of our members should become conversant with the qualifications

and not by personal likes or dislikes of the individuals voting.

May God bless all our churches, and guide them in selecting proper persons to bear official responsibilities during the year 1909.

IN NORTHERN INDIANA

SINCE my last report I have visited Jonesboro, Marion, Michaels, Goshen, and Warsaw. I was with the Jonesboro church Nov. 17 and 18. After reading the message from the Lord the brethren and sisters gave cheering testimonies, nearly all expressing themselves as willing to do what they could to help the Sanitarium. One sister said that she had spent most of her life in serving self, but her determination was to spend the remainder of her days in helping others. Another said that she had been buying medicine for some time, but now purposed to save that money and give to the Sanitarium work, going to the Lord for health and strength. My prayer is that many of our people will do likewise. Let us follow the instructions in Isaiah 58, and the results will follow.

November 19 and 20, we had a good attendance of the brethren in meetings at Michael, and those not of our faith came. Sabbath, the 21st, we held a union meeting at Marion, and the blessing of God came in. We believe that union meetings, where several churches can meet together and get better acquainted, is a source of strength.

From Marion, we went to Huntington and found a hearty welcome at Sister Jones's home. Sister Theresa Thompson is engaged in Bible work, and had taken 300 copies of the missionary *Review*, which Sister Jones and her daughter helped to distribute. May the good Lord bless these sisters, and give them souls for their hire.

I next visited Warsaw, and found Sisters Woods and Goldsmith doing their part in circulating the special *Review*; then we visited the Goshen company on Sabbath, the 28th. It was a blessed day; they also were at work with the papers. It had been some five years since we last met with them.

We praise God that He has gone before us and prepared the brethren and sisters to receive the message delivered.

B. HAGLE.

A LITTLE HOME MISSIONARY

LITTLE Agnes McBroom is about eight years old. She lives at Wichita in the suburbs of the city. Like many other little girls she has others in the family smaller than herself to help. Yet she sold thirty copies of the special edition of the *Signs* in a short time, principally to those who came to her home. Two men came from the city to mend the pump. Each bought an Earthquake Special *Signs*.

People traveling, stop at Brother McBroom's well to water their teams; while they are doing this Agnes sells them one of her papers. While visiting at her home I saw the milk man drive up to buy the milk as usual. This time she left tending the baby to go out to take his subscription for the *Little Friend* one year, for his own little girl about her size. I learned by inquiring that a few days before, she had taken two other yearly subscriptions for the same paper.

Brother and Sister McBroom are busy people, but manage to have time for training their little girl to be a real, live little missionary for God. Workers thus developed become capable, self-reliant, and practical, able to do efficient service in different lines, and are not always appealing to some one else for assistance. Parents, "Go thou and do likewise."

H. M. HIATT.

A GOOD LETTER

I AM reminded that another year has passed and that I am again indebted to you for a year's subscription to the *REPORTER*, which please find enclosed.

It is like getting a letter from home when the *REPORTER* comes. We are always glad to see the reports from the laborers in the field, and are rejoiced to see the good work going forward in Indiana.

Our visit at La Fayette camp-meeting was indeed interesting. To see so many who started in the message twenty-five and thirty years ago, still full of hope and courage, and faithful and true to God, was indeed an inspiration.

Yes; send us the good *REPORTER* another year, and may the choice blessings of heaven attend the editors and readers. R. B. CRAIG.

DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE

THE time and place of holding the thirty-sixth annual session of the Indiana Conference being determined, the next thing to consider is the choosing of delegates for the occasion.

The Constitution provides that the representation "shall be one delegate for each twenty members or the fractional part thereof." While we believe that our churches have, in the past, done the best they could, and we have not one word of complaint on that line, yet we want to impress on the minds of all that it is not time now to relax diligence in such matters. Very important matters will come up for consideration and the highest ability of each church should be present to consider these questions. The delegation should be thoroughly representative and while there is no rule forbidding conference workers being chosen by the church to which they belong, it remains a fact that the Constitution provides that all workers are considered delegates at large. I would therefore recommend that churches make up their delegates without electing the workers.

Blank credentials will be sent at once to all the church clerks, and it will be a very great favor if the credentials are forwarded to me by the clerk as soon as the delegates are chosen. Remember the representation is one delegate for each 20 members or fractional part thereof. Any church of 20 members or less is entitled to one delegate, of over 20 members and up to forty, two delegates. A church of forty-one to sixty members, inclusive, should choose three delegates, sixty-one to eighty, four delegates.

Notice of time and place is given elsewhere. W. A. YOUNG.

SIGNS WEEKLY

ONE very attractive feature of the *Signs of the Times* weekly during the coming year will be a series of studies on the book of Revelation, taking it up verse by verse, and explaining in detail the various prophecies and striking symbols of this most wonderful book.

A series of Bible readings, covering all the important phases of the Message, will also be given.

The other departments of the

paper, such as "The Home," "Health and Temperance," "Missions," etc., will be kept up the same as usual. Each number will contain something of interest to every member of the family, both young and old, religious and non-religious. Now is the time to subscribe so as not to miss any of these interesting features.

What better Christmas or New Year's present could be given than a year's subscription to this family journal? Already it has been the means of bringing many into the truth. The subscription price is only \$1.50 per year; six months, 75 cents; three months, 40 cents.

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LIBERTY NO. 4

THE fourth issue of *Liberty* for 1905 not only draws important lessons from history but it strongly presents the whole question of religious liberty in the light of present developments in the nations. It gives the facts concerning the contest in Missouri over moral and religious legislation. It gives in full President Roosevelt's vigorous letter of protest against raising the question of a man's religion in considering his qualification for any public office. The way in which these and other events of religio-political significance are discussed makes this number of *Liberty* intensely interesting.

One of the main articles of this issue emphasizes the danger confronting the people if the Johnston Sunday bill, already passed by the Senate, becomes a law. Large numbers of this paper should be sold during the present session of Congress. Agents make ready sales. Send orders to this office.

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Mrs. M. L. Outland.....	50 00	*L. V. Hopkins.....	12 00	Total.....	\$16,277 71
		Mrs. B. F. Halstead.....	11 00	* A star preceding a name indicates that the amount has been paid in full.	
		F. N. Bartholomew.....	10 00	❖ ❖	

ELDER A. L. MILLER spent a portion of the Week of Prayer with the Seymour church, and Elder Victor Thompson was with the Unionville church last week. We hope in our next issue to have more detailed reports of last week's meetings.

NEWS AND NOTES

Liberty No. 4 is now ready.

RENEW your subscriptions for *Life and Health* at once and save 25 cents.

BROTHER MILTON OVERMAN, elder of the Marlon church, called at our office last Friday.

HEREAFTER church librarians are to be known as church missionary secretaries.

Sabbath-School Lesson Quarterlies for the first quarter of 1909 should have been ordered ere this. Is your order in?

THE Mt. Zion Sabbath-School held its annual harvest ingathering exercises on Sunday, Nov. 27, with a large and attentive audience.

WE were pleased to have a call last Thursday from Prof. C. L. Taylor, who was in the city looking after business for the Academy.

THE holiday vacation at Beechwood Academy begins the 25th instant. Many of the students are planning to spend the time at their homes.

ELDER W. A. YOUNG spent the first Sabbath of the Week of Prayer with the Kokomo church and later in the week visited the Muncie and New Hope churches.

ALL church elders should plan to attend the conference in February. It is important that the leaders in our churches understand the business of the conference.

THE publishers of the *Signs* hope to have a club of their paper taken in every church in the United States during the coming year. Will Indiana's churches assist to make this a reality?

THE Linton church, through Brother H. M. Kelley their librarian, has sent us very encouraging monthly summaries of missionary work done during October and November.

BEGINNING the first of next month, the weekly *Signs of the Times* will contain sixteen pages as formerly. In clubs of five or more, the price per copy is twenty-five cents for three months, or two cents per week.

THE next session of the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is appointed to be held at Jonesboro, February 1-8, 1909.

CONFERENCE officials and workers are all delegates to sessions of the Conference, and need not be selected to represent churches in order to sit as delegates.

THE enrollment at Beechwood Academy has reached fifty-nine, with a present attendance of fifty-three. We are pleased to learn of the prosperity of our Academy.

PRACTICALLY every church in Indiana used a quantity of Thanksgiving *Reviews*. How many will, during the year 1909, take clubs of the weekly *Signs* for regular, systematic, continuous missionary work?

THE Lake Union Conference Auditor, Brother W. H. Edwards, spent some time in our office during the past week in examining accounts in our books. His findings will be reported at the next session of the Conference.

IN sending money for missions to our office, please be sure to state whether it is Thanksgiving Ingathering donations, Annual offerings, or weekly offerings. This information is necessary to enable us to make proper entry of the receipts.

THE missionary campaign with the special *Review* will be continued in some localities until after the first of the new year. If any desire additional copies of the missionary number of the *Review* for this work, address this office. We can supply them on short notice.

IT is not too late to make liberal annual offerings to missions. Any sum you may wish to give may be transmitted through your church treasurer or sent direct to T. A. Goodwin, Treas., 515 E. 23rd St., Indianapolis. We hope for a large amount in this offering this year.

A SPECIAL request to church treasurers: Please be sure to forward all tithes and offerings in your hands December 28th so that they will reach the Conference treasurer before the close of the year. No balance of either tithes or offering should be carried over to the new year by any of our treasurers.

BROTHER ARCHER WRIGHT, our Field Agent, was in the office last week on his way to the southeastern section of the State to assist some new recruits in the canvassing work.

THANKSGIVING INGATHERING donations should all be sent to the Conference treasurer within a few days. Those who have not completed their work with the *Review* should endeavor to do so in time to send their donations to us by December 31.

THE Wabash Valley Sanitarium, La Fayette, Indiana, would appreciate the gift of some of our standard denominational books. They should, of course, be in good condition, and sent, postage prepaid, to the Sanitarium, which desires such books for patients to read. We trust some of our people will make such gifts to the institution.

EVERY Conference worker and many of our church officers would profit by studying the new publication by Mrs. Fannie Dickerson Chase, editor of the *Youth's Instructor*, entitled, "The Speaker's Manual of Pronunciation." The truth that we proclaim is most acceptable to our hearers if it is clothed in good, well-spoken language. Order from this office.

“LIFE AND HEALTH” FOR 1909

BEGINNING with the January number, *Life and Health* will be increased to a magazine of 64 pages. This is done in order to make more room for reading matter as well as for more and larger illustrations. Some new departments will be added and special contributors will write for its pages. Those features which have supplied most fully the needs of *Life and Health* readers will be strengthened and new features introduced. No effort will be spared to make the magazine one of helpfulness to all.

The price of a single copy will remain 10 cents, and 25 or more copies 4 cents; but the yearly subscription price will be advanced to \$1.00 on all subscriptions received after January 1, 1908. Previous to that time all subscriptions will be entered at the old price, whether from new or old subscribers, or for one, two or more years. Subscribe now and save from 25 cents to \$1.00. Write for special rates on large quantities.