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The Use of the Tithe.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

"Thou shalt command the children of Israel that they bring thee pure olive oil, beaten, for the light to cause the lamp to burn always." This was to be a continual offering that the house of God might be properly supplied with that which was necessary for His service. The people to-day are to remember that the house of worship is God's property, and that it is to be scrupulously cared for. But the funds for this work are not to come from the tithe. The tithe is to be used for one purpose—to sustain the ministers whom the Lord has appointed to do His work. It is to be used to support those who speak the words of life to the people and carry the burden of the flock of God.

But there are ministers who have been robbed of their wages. God's provision for them has not been respected. Those who have charge of our church buildings are to be supplied with the means necessary to keep these buildings in good repair, but this money is not to come from the tithe.

A very plain, definite message has been given to me to give to our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which, though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said the tithe is to be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from God's arrangement. God will judge for these things. ONE REASON THAT THE TITHE MAY BE APPROPRIATED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, STILL ANOTHER WOULD REASON THAT CAVASSERS AND COLPORTERS SHOULD BE SUPPORTED FROM THE TITHE, BUT A GREAT MISTAKE IS MADE WHEN THE TITHE IS DRAWN FROM THE OBJECT FOR WHICH IT IS TO BE USED—the support of the ministers. There should to-day be in the field one hundred qualified laborers where now there is one. God cannot look upon the present condition of things with approval, but with condemnation. His treasury is deprived of the means that should be used for the support of the gospel ministry in fields nigh and afar off. Those who proclaim the message of truth before great congregations, and who do house-to-house work, as well, are doing double missionary work, and in no case are their salaries to be cut down. The use of the tithe must be looked upon as a sacred matter

by our people. We must guard strictly against all that is contrary to the message now given.

There is a lack of ministers because ministers have not been encouraged. Some ministers who have been sent to foreign lands, to enter fields never before worked, have been given the instruction, "You must sustain yourselves. We have not the means with which to support you. This ought not to be if the tithe, with gifts and offerings, was brought into the treasury. When a man enters the ministry, he is to be paid from the tithe enough to sustain his family. He is not to feel that he is a beggar. The impression is becoming quite common that the sacred disposition of the tithe no longer exists. Many have lost their sense of the Lord's requirements. The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for Himself. It is to be brought into His treasury to be used to sustain the gospel laborers in their work. For a long time the Lord has been robbed because there are those who do not realize that the tithe is God's reserved portion.

Many ministers are lying in their graves, brought there by sorrow and disappointment, and by the hardship brought upon them because they did not receive sufficient for their labors.

Let us remember that God is a God of justice and equity. There would to-day be many more ministers in the field, but they are not encouraged to labor. Many workers have gone into the grave heartbroken because they had grown old and could see that they were looked upon as a burden. But had they been retained in the work,

and given an easy place, with a whole or part of their wages, they might have accomplished much good. During their term of labor these men have done double labor. They felt so heavy a burden for souls that they had no desire to be relieved of overwork. The heavy burdens borne shortened their lives. The widows of these minister are never to be forgotten, but should, if necessary, be paid from the tithe.

Read carefully the third chapter of Malachi, and see what God says about the tithe. If our churches will take their stand upon the Lord's work, and be faithful in paying their tithe into His treasury, His laborers will be encouraged to take up ministerial work. More men would give themselves to the ministry were they not told of the depleted treasury. There should be an abundant supply in the Lord's treasury, and there would be if selfish hearts and hands had not made use of the tithe to support other lines of work. God's reserved resources are to be used in no such haphazard way. The tithe is the Lord's, and those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasury unless they repent. Let the work no longer be hedged up because the tithe has been diverted into various channels other THAN THE ONE TO WHICH THE LORD SAID IT SHOULD GO. Provision is to be made for these other lines of work. They are to be sustained; but not from the tithe. God has not changed; the tithe is to be used for the support of the ministry. The opening of new fields requires more ministerial efficiency than we now have, and there must be means in the treasury.

Obituaries.

Luman C. Smith was born in Ohio, April 3, 1831, and died in Sebawa, Michigan, July 13, 1906, aged seventy years, three months, and ten days. He accepted Christ over thirty years ago, under the

labors of Elder Strong, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, and was a faithful member until called away by death. He left his testimony that he had made his peace with God, and was ready to rest from his labors. He leaves a wife, two sons, two daughters and a number of other relatives and friends to mourn, but not without hope.

Harvey Tower was born in Rutland county, Vermont, March 3rd, 1817. He secured his education in the common schools, Professor Allen's school at Vergennes, and the Troy Conference Academy, at West Poultney, Vt. He came to Jackson county, Mich., in October, 1839, and made teaching his principal occupation for six years. He then moved to Berrien county and engaged in the mercantile business. In 1846 he married Miss Laura L. Mallette, of Woodland, Barry county, Mich. In 1850 he moved to Oceana county, where for fifteen years he engaged in the lumbering business. In 1865 he turned his attention to farming.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tower, were born eleven children.

Though seldom an aspirant for official honors, Mr. Tower filled several county offices with honor, and has had an influence in the history of the county that will be felt as long as the county endures.

When about sixty years of age he accepted of the Saviour, and the glorious doctrine of His second advent to this earth for the subjects of His kingdom, in harmony with I. Thess. 4:16, 17. His companion being a Seventh-day Adventist, they were united in their religious views until his death.

Physically Brother Tower was a very strong and well preserved man, but mentally failed in the last five years. On June 23 he was taken with severe cramps, which resulted in his death June 25th at 9:30 a. m., being 89 years, three months, and 22 days old.

Brother Tower was a good neighbor, an affectionate husband,

and a kind and loving father; and will be missed in the community by his many friends and neighbors, and in the home by his devoted wife and loving children, who are left to mourn their loss. But they sorrow not as those who have no hope, "for if we believe that Jesus died and arose again, even so also them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

Funeral services were held in the home of the deceased, which was filled to its utmost capacity by his many friends and neighbors.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer and C. J. Kouse, Methodist, of Montague, Mich. The M. E. church choir furnished excellent and appropriate music, which was appreciated by all.

"In childhood's winsom page,
In manhood's joyous bloom;
In feebleness and age,
In death's dark gathering gloom;
God doth his own in safety keep,
He giveth his beloved sleep.

W. C. HEBNER.

Help for the Nashville Sanitarium.

The Nashville Sanitarium and Training School for Missionary Nurses is now locating in its permanent home, after several years of living in rented buildings where it has carried forward its work under difficult conditions. The securing of a home has been made possible by the co-operation of the General Conference brethren, and the help that will be given by our people throughout the field.

There are a number of ways to assist this enterprise. Now is a good season in which to put up some canned fruit, dried fruit, or other articles of provision that can be shipped. A supply of bedding will be greatly needed and much appreciated. Good use can be made of worn sheets or other articles that may be used for bandages or cleaning cloths.

Any assistance that may be given in these or other lines will be greatly appreciated in this institution where means are scarce but where work is plentiful. Those who cannot send provisions or goods might help in paying freight.

Address: Nashville Sanitarium, Nashville, Tennessee.

Financial.	
July Receipts.	
TITHE.	
Agnew	\$ 19 32
Allegan	120 70
Allendale	20 98
Bangor	5 50
Battle Creek	932 46
Bauer	50 20
Bedford	121 90
Belding	27 86
Benton Harbor	68 33
Berrien Springs	78 31
Bloomington	10 70
Byron Center	21 60
Carlton Center	38 25
Carson City	17 61
Cedar Lake	87 28
Charlotte	176 51
Clifford Lake	36 37
Covert	5 95
Decatur	83 18
Denver	23 33
Dimondale	50 79
East Pennsylvania Conf.	5 00
Eaton Rapids	1 75
Edmore	76 21
Fremont	39 85
Frost	1 90
Gowen	2 50
Grand Ledge	12 30
Grand Rapids	165 07
Grandville	34 57
Greenville	97 84
Hartings	24 19
Hesperia	21 00
Holton	33 09
Homer	41 52
Horr	11 36
Howard City	5 44
Individuals	28 25
Kalamazoo	166 84
Kent City	20 66
Kinderhook	35 84
Lake View	25 00
Lowell	25 92
Lyons	10 20
Maple Grove	65 03
Mendon	67 95
Mecosta	4 05
Monterey	38 52
Morley	39 25
Mt. Pleasant	3 00
Muskegon	33 60
Ontario Conf.	16 00
Otsego	38 06

Palo	10 00
Paw Paw	51 71
Portland	55 15
Pottersville	36 65
Quincy	131 94
Rothbury	6 22
Sand Lake	31 78
Shelby	40 85
Sturgis	55 21
Trufant	12 00
Urbandale	33 45
Vermontville	16 70
Waverly	1 33
West LeRoy	49 04
Wright	120 14
Total	\$3,841 06

West Michigan Conference.

Expense,	\$ 50
Tithe,	3,841 06
West Michigan Sanitarium	213 71
S. S. Offerings	351 37
Weekly Offerings	83 94
Cedar Lake Academy Fund	31 25
Haskell Home	6 05
Freewill Offerings	25
Annual Offerings	11 00
Mission Board Offerings	69 40
Self-Denial Fund	1 48
C. O. Lessons Fund	1 25
Miscellaneous Offerings	2 79
Birthday Offerings	4 27
African Native Workers Fd.	10 00
Edgefield Mission	40
Conference Improvement Fd.	42 00
India Orphans Fund	1 32
Tent and Camp-meeting Fd.	10 50
Colored Work	82
Pacific Press Pub. Co. Offer- ing	41 75
Midsummer Offering	838 60
J. E. White	1 00
Loan to Gen. Conf. Ret'd.	1000 00
Total	\$6,564 71

WEST MICHIGAN TRACT SOCIETY.

On Account	\$402 34
Merchandise	17 61
West Michigan Herald	8 03
Total	\$427 98

From the Field.

NILES.

Our work in Niles, thus far, has not been without some results. Four honest souls have begun to

keep the Sabbath of the Lord. There are six in all awaiting baptism; but we thought it best to put it off until after camp-meeting. There are many opportunities for Bible work in the homes of the people. This branch of the work must be pushed in this place during the coming fall and winter. After the camp-meeting we hope to pitch our tent in another part of the town.

H. C. PITTON,
W. E. VIDETO.

Report From the Battle Creek Church.

I presume there is no church in our midst to whom the eyes of our people are looking, at the present time, as to the Battle Creek church.

Being the largest church in our conference, in fact the largest in our denomination, we thought that a report from this church would be appreciated by the readers of the West Michigan Herald.

During the winter months, several testimonies were received here and read in the tabernacle. The burden of these messages was that our people should not centralize but rather scatter out and let their light shine in the different localities to which they may move. As a result of these communications, a number of our people have left Battle Creek for different parts of the country, and many others are contemplating doing so as soon as they can dispose of their property and arrange their temporal affairs. These testimonies have proven a great blessing to our people here in a spiritual way. The first quarterly meeting this year was the largest one ever known in the history of the church. The effect has also been seen in the finances, as the following report, which was read by the church clerk at our last quarterly business meeting, will show.

The total amount of tithe received for the first six months of 1906 was \$6141.91.

The total amount of tithe re-

ceived for first six months of 1905 was \$6114.99, showing an increase for the first six months of this year over those of last, of \$1026.92.

Total amount received on church expense for the first six months of 1906 was \$736.90.

Total amount received for the first six months of 1905 was \$395.28, showing an increase for the first six months of this year over last of \$341.62.

The following extract is from the report of the librarian of the church for the quarter ending June 30, 1906.

All the districts in Battle Creek church save two, are fully organized as missionary societies, and are doing at least some work in missionary lines. For this we feel glad, because at this time last year, during the hot summer months, we received no report whatever from any of the districts, and at that time only two or three were really organized as missionary districts."

From the above it is evident that God's blessing has been resting upon us, for which we give Him all the praise.

W. H. HECKMAN.

Bombay, India.

Dear Reader,—I have promised to say something about the work that has been done for the Indian native. Of course American people never get a proper idea of this people, so vastly different from themselves, merely by what they hear or read. They must see the people to understand. The work has not been attended by the degree of success that one would like to see; but considering that for thousands, or at least hundreds, of years they have been taught—notice the expression—**TAUGHT** by their religion and priests to steal and lie whenever it would be a benefit to them, one cannot wonder that their hearts are hard.

HEATHEN IDEA OF CHRISTIANITY.

It is sad, but still cannot be denied, that many of the early con-

verts among the Hindu people were gotten by money in one way or another, in place of conversion by the Holy Spirit; and this and other evils have made it hard for the workers at the present time. It is a fact that the idea of becoming a Christian for gain has permeated the whole of India.

They will come to us and say, "Reverend Father, we want to join your mission; we want our servants to join your mission, etc.; and then if they think we are favorable they come with their wants; for instance, they want free schooling or clothes or something, always. But as we explain to them that we do not receive converts in that way, they go away and we see them no more. A little money would buy a lot of people in this country.

THE CATHOLICS.

They claim 35,000 converts and seem to have the best control of the native, mostly because their religion is more like the Hindu religion and the priests keep them under so close discipline.

AMERICAN MISSIONS.

This is a Congregational affair and has been in Bombay since 1830. They claim about five hundred followers, and have erected buildings worth probably \$100,000.00. These are calculated to impress the native with the superiority of the Christian religion over their own. Next came the Methodists and Alliance, but not having the same amount of money they seem to not prosper so well. This is how matters stand at the present. I might add that each of these churches have agreed to not enter the other's territory or teach any opposing doctrine.

OUR WORK.

At last the Third Angel's Message has reached Bombay, and we have come to teach opposing doctrine, to encroach on their territory, to proselyte, and I do not know what else they will accuse us of; but we are scattering our literature and mean to press the truth into every corner, so that the work in

this quarter will not hinder the Lord's coming in this generation.

We know that your prayers ascend for us and it encourages us.

While we are far from home and friends, and are often sick, yet we feel that here is a work for us to do; and whether the results are small or great we will fight on by God's grace. We hope soon to have quite a Sabbath-school among the Europeans and then we can get at the native in a better way. Let your prayers continue to rise in our behalf that we may be used as instruments in God's hands to save many souls.

Yours in Christ,

C. A. HANSEN AND WIFE.

June 28, 1906.

NOTICE.

Many letters of inquiry are coming to this office concerning the use to be made of the tithe. The question is, Shall we use the tithe to support the church schools? Some have thought this a proper use of the tithe. I note in the "West Michigan Herald" under date of July 12, 1905, a very pointed article from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White. The same we reprint for the purpose of answering the question that has been asked concerning this. I trust all will read carefully and take heed to the instruction herein given.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

There will be no paper next week on account of the camp-meeting. The next issue will bear the date of August 22.

By the time this issue reaches its readers the camp meeting will be in progress. The first meeting begins August 9. We hope and pray that this will be the best meeting ever held in this conference.