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"The questions that most concern us are, Do I believe with saving faith on the Son of God? Is my life in harmony with the divine law? 'He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life.' 'And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.'"

"BE YE ALSO READY."

Are you ready, are you ready
For the coming of the Lord?
Are you living as he bids
You in his word?
Are you walking in the light?
Is your hope of heaven bright?
Could you welcome him to-night?
Are you ready?

Are you waiting, are you waiting
For the coming of the King?
Have you bundles of the
Golden grain to bring?
Can you lay at Jesus' feet
Any garnered sheaves of wheat?
There our blessed Lord to greet?
Are you ready?

Have you risen, have you risen
From the heavy mid-night sleep?
Have you risen from your
Slumber long and deep?
Are your garments washed from sin?
Are you cleansed and pure within?
Are you ready for the King?
Are you ready?

—Selected by R. R. H.

LIBERALITY THE FRUIT OF LOVE.

No. 3.

"BRING ye the whole tithe into the storehouse." Mal. 3:10, R. V.

We often hear the remark "a dishonest tithe." The idea may be well intended but the language is misleading. It requires a "tenth" to constitute a tithe and anything short of this is not a tithe at all. The sin aimed at is an attempt to deceive by paying only a part instead of the whole. This is the very thing that Ananias and Sapphira did. While professing to give all, they kept back part of the price. They lied to the Holy Spirit, they defrauded God and their sin was punished with swift destruction. They lost both the present and the future life. God is not mocked. He can detect every hidden sin and as a warning to all

future generations this example is recorded in the Holy Scriptures. Beware of robbing God!

Neither has God left it with us to decide who are worthy to receive tithes. He has plainly stated, "Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house," (the church). Here individual duty ends. It is the Lord's storehouse where we are to bring our tithe and leave it there. He will take care of the rest. He has "ordained" it so.

Would it not be wrong in me, if some friend should put into my hands a specified sum of money to be handed over to a certain individual named, if I, for fear that the person named would not use it properly or was not worthy of it, should keep it myself, or give it to some other person in whom I had confidence? No; I should be faithful to the trust imposed in me. Our individual judgment might be biased and so hardship come to some of God's faithful servants, and harm to his cause. Let us leave the sacred duty of deciding who are worthy to be paid from the Lord's storehouse with the Lord himself. He has reserved this right and no one should deny him of it. This is by far the best and only safe way, because it is God's way.

The individual tithe should be paid into the church where membership is held. In this way due credit is given and the necessary order is recognized in the house of God.

There is one thing more I wish to speak of before closing this article, that is, the individual right to retain for a time the tithe to be used in secular matters. The principle is wrong and such a course is unsafe for any one to follow. As soon as means come into our hands, we should recognize the Giver at once and take out the tithe, which is sacred, and treat it as such, and at the very first opportunity place it in the Lord's treasury. There is a blessing for the one who will thus practice this sacred requirement.

The example of such a course of action will also prove a blessing to others. The nearer we approach to perfect obedience in all the Lord's requirements, the greater the good accomplished.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

FOR OUR CHURCHES.

I DO not speak now of everything that churches should do, but of selling our literature. There is not a shade of doubt but that much more should have been done in this matter than has been done. All classes have been too listless, but our churches have been very neglectful. Churches have held meetings from fifty to one hundred times each year, and yet few indeed have been the services conducted especially in the interest of selling our books, tracts, and pamphlets.

My dear brethren and sisters, there are wonderful possibilities right at your hands. If I could set this before you as it appears to me, there would certainly be a warm revival in the distribution of the printed pages. There is not a church in the Conference but could do a splendid work in this way if the proper effort should be made. Of course there should be method and tact observed to bring success to this work.

Let churches call for some one who knows how to organize and carry forward just the kind of an effort that should be made in every church. If the one called fails to get the desired interest, then call another and try again. Keep on until God gives success. The churches that have taken hold of the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" of course will have but little difficulty in getting this work well done. But delinquent churches should have help to get into line.

Time will be appointed for this work to begin in a systematic way, but do not wait about getting into the work. Any church can call for help of the kind described, and have the help too. Do not be backward about calling. God has given to every man his work, and churches should help all to find work. It is work that is needed more than anything to arouse and revive the cause. The attention of directors and elders in all the Conference is called to this important subject. When all get to work, there will be but little difficulty to meet with on account of coldness and backsliding. Early and earnest action is the principal remedy needed.

WM. COVERT.

WITH THE WORKERS.

"The gospel standard is to be planted in every place where now it is not."

DELEGATES TO LAKE UNION CONFERENCE.

THE following delegates have been elected to represent the Ohio Conference at the next biennial session of the Lake Union Conference to be held at Berrien Springs, Mich., about the middle of May, 1904:—

Elders H. H. Burkholder, D. E. Lindsey, R. R. Kennedy, M. C. Kirkendall, W. W. Miller, Prof. J. W. Loughhead, Prof. C. E. Welch, N. S. Miller, Thomas Thornton, G. C. Quillin, Dr. R. W. Walters.

H. H. B.

Toledo and Cleveland.

VISITOR: A word about my pastorate in Toledo may not be out of place now. During my stay there of two years, some forty-one persons united with that church, eighteen by letter, and twenty-one by profession and baptism. My stay at Toledo was a very happy experience, as all united in helping me in every way, and it was like a great family in harmony, work, and love.

A few days ago I was privileged to visit Toledo and called upon nine families and my soul was refreshed as I heard their expressions of devotion to the Message. It was my privilege to visit Elder Granger for an hour, and I am glad to find that the church is so willing to co-operate with him, showing him the same kindness shown me, and willing to take hold with him in all good works.

I am quite well settled down to work in my new field in Cleveland. The church has accorded me a hearty welcome, and the interest is increasing in our Sabbath and Sunday evening services.

Surely the city is in great need. It was my privilege to-day to attend services in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, and hear Dean Peck from Denver, Colo., preach to a great congregation of young men. We were boys together, and had not met for twenty-five years. A cordial invitation was extended to me from all to visit them again. Mr. Peck is now traveling in the Eastern States, raising money to equip a fruit farm of some ninety acres, which is to be covered with tents for consumptive young men to live in and work as they are able for the recovery of their health. The

work is being done under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

D. E. LINDSEY.

Toledo.

SABBATH and Sunday, March 19 and 20, was spent with the Toledo church. We found a united company, of good courage, and ready to assist in every way to forward the Message.

Elder Granger is planning a vigorous campaign with the *Family Bible Teacher* this summer, and is confident he can demonstrate the merits of this method of house to house work.

Brother and Sister Huffaker are constantly seeing results of their labors and find more openings for Bible study than they can possibly fill. We were glad to find Sister Huffaker's health improving, and sincerely hope she may be able to continue her work with renewed strength.

Toledo presents an excellent field for labor. The administration of "Golden Rule" Jones, mayor of the city, has had a good effect on the people. A disposition to think and act for themselves is a prominent characteristic.

A church building is very much needed and we hope this may be had in the near future. At the close of the Sabbath morning service, officers, recently elected, were ordained and cheerfully entered upon their duties to serve the church.

May the glad tidings of a soon-coming Saviour be heralded by this body of believers so effectively that there may be a constant adding to their members and strength, till the work is done.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Cygnets.

WELCOME VISITOR: The Seventh-day Adventist church of this place was organized on Sabbath, Oct. 31, 1903. The number of persons who entered the sacred relation of Christian fellowship was not large. I have remained in this field during the fall and winter to continue the canvassing work. It has been my privilege to meet with this company upon the Sabbath, and to enjoy the blessing of God with them.

A Sabbath-school was also organized last fall, consisting of about fourteen or fifteen members. The membership has since reached about twenty. There are six or eight children attending the school and being instructed in the precious truths of God's word. The adult members are manifesting a good degree of interest in the important lessons on the prophecies, which we have been studying during the quarter just closing. They

are putting forth commendable efforts to study and understand these prophetic portions of the word of God, which reveal to us the fact that we are living in the closing scenes of this world's history.

There is another encouraging feature of the work here, which I would not fail to mention. Our members are manifesting a firm purpose to walk in all the light which is shining from the sacred pages in these last days. They have not only accepted truths concerning the Sabbath, the second coming of Christ, etc., but they also believe in the principles of healthful living. Those who have recently come into the faith are willingly, and gladly, laying aside those harmful articles of diet which are pronounced unclean, and forbidden by God's word. They are also giving the cause financial support by the payment of tithes.

I am glad to say that the brethren and sisters of this church are of good courage, are growing in the divine life, and are adding to their knowledge of the word.

Since last fall one lady has accepted the truth, and is awaiting an opportunity for baptism. Several others are also becoming interested, who we hope may obey not far in the future.

J. O. YOUNG.

Toledo.

March 19, 1904, was one of the "especial" days in the Toledo church. Elder Burkholder was with us, and occupied the preaching hour. Brother L. S. Whitney, as deacon, and Sister Lottie Whitney, as deaconess, were ordained to their work.

Brother W. H. Granger, our pastor, is now permanently settled among us, and the hearts of the members are a unit, in the affectionate regard in which he is held. We have great confidence in the plans for special religious efforts in this city, which he has outlined for the coming summer.

ANNA M. NICHOLAS, *Clerk.*

Medina.

DEAR READERS: We wish to report the organization of a small Sabbath-school in Medina, organized three months ago by Brother C. E. Welch. We have a membership of ten, with a good interest, considering the severe weather; and now that spring is coming, we are in hopes that the outside interest will increase. We have no public place of assembly, but hold Sabbath-school at a private dwelling. It is a source of comfort and blessing to us who have so long been isolated. We believe our efforts will not be in vain. MRS. ALMA ZALABAK, *Sec.*

EDUCATIONAL.

"By binding your children to yourselves and to God, fathers and mothers and children become laborers together with God."

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.

THE promise had been made that the house of Aaron should walk before God forever; but this promise had been made on condition that they should devote themselves to the work of the sanctuary with singleness of heart, and honor God in all their ways, not serving self, nor following their own perverse inclinations. Eli and his sons had been tested, and the Lord had found them wholly unworthy of the exalted position of priests in his service. And God declared, "Be it far from me." He could not accomplish the good that he had meant to do them, because they failed to do their part.

The example of those who minister in holy things should be such as to impress the people with reverence for God, and with fear to offend him. When men, standing "in Christ's stead"* to speak to the people God's message of mercy and reconciliation, use their sacred calling as a cloak for selfish or sensual gratification, they make themselves the most effective agents of Satan. Like Hophni and Phinehas, they cause men to "abhor the offering of the Lord." They may pursue their evil course in secret for a time; but when at last their true character is exposed, the faith of the people receives a shock that often results in destroying their confidence in religion. There is left upon the mind a distrust of all who profess to teach the word of God. The message of the true servant of Christ is doubtfully received. The question constantly arises, "Will not this man prove to be like the one we thought so holy, and found so corrupt?" Thus the word of God loses its power upon the souls of men.

Fearful Consequences.

In Eli's reproof to his sons are words of solemn and fearful import,— words that all who minister in sacred things would do well to ponder: "If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him; but if a man sin against the Lord, who shall intreat for him?" Had their crimes injured only their fellowmen, the judge might have made reconciliation by appointing a penalty, and requiring restitution; and thus the offenders might have been

pardoned. Or had they not been guilty of a presumptuous sin, a sin-offering might have been presented for them. But their sins were so interwoven with their ministrations as priests of the Most High, in offering sacrifice for sin; the work of God was so profaned and dishonored before the people, that no expiation could be accepted for them. Their own father, though himself high priest, dared not make intercession in their behalf; he could not shield them from the wrath of God. Of all sinners, those are most guilty who cast contempt upon the means that heaven has provided for man's redemption,— who "crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."* MRS. E. G. WHITE.

YOU need not break the glasses of a telescope or coat them over with paint in order to prevent you from seeing through them. Just breathe upon them, and the dew of your breath will shut out all the stars. So it does not require great crimes to hide the light of God's countenance. Little faults can do it just as well.—H. W. Beecher.

TO ALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS: For sometime my mind has been turning toward you and I have longed to have a good personal visit with each one of you. But not having that privilege, neither having your names and addresses so as to write a letter to each of you, I find myself at present obliged to use this general means of communication with you. I hope that each one of you who reads this will regard it as a personal letter from me to you and that what is said here is just what I would wish to write or to speak to you personally, had I the opportunity.

I presume you feel that there has not been much attention paid to you as one of the members of our Father's family and as a worker in his vineyard (for we are all workers for him, if we belong to his family). I must confess that there has not been as much done to encourage you and to make you feel that you are my brother or my sister as there should have been. But if you will forgive us this time, we will try hard to prevent the press of work in the other departments from robbing you of your share of attention, and we will seek to help you to realize in a practical way that you are just as valuable in the sight of the Lord as any one else.

The Lord has need of you—you who are reading this now—as a worker for him. He loves you dearly, even to

that extent that he gave up his life that you might escape the effects of sin.

Do I express your feelings when I say that you are sometimes tempted to believe that he does not notice you, that he will not save you, or that he cannot use you as a worker for him? If I do, and you are ever tempted thus again, will you remember that these temptations are nothing but sly insinuations of Satan, and that he is seeking to throw you off your feet and discourage you? The Lord has spoken good of our young people. He has said that they are the ones who will carry this work on to victory. He has also told us that this work will triumph gloriously. Those who are faithful in carrying the work shall shine as the stars forever and ever. Can we afford to become indifferent or cold in his service when there is such a glorious, eternal reward awaiting the faithful, and such a short period of worldly pleasure for the lovers of worldly things?

Do you not think that by banding ourselves together we can be a source of strength to each other? Would you like to belong to a society that would help you to become a stronger and better young man or young woman? Some of our young people do belong to local societies in their churches. Do you? If not, and you desire to communicate with someone who will take an interest in you, if you will write me a good personal letter, telling me the desires and ambitions that you experience in your Christian life, I will promise to answer your letters just as soon as I can.

Do not become discouraged if you do not hear from me immediately. It only indicates that I am away from home seeking to help some one else on in the Christian way, and I will give attention to your letter just as soon as I return. I greatly desire to help you all I can, and whether you belong to a society or not, and have a longing for a deeper growth in grace, let me hear from you. We want to build up here in Ohio a society of strong, vigorous and faithful young men and women which will prove to be a valiant army for the Lord, using spiritual weapons rather than carnal in our warfare for our great Leader.

I should also be glad to hear from the leaders of all the societies as to how the work is progressing with you.

Trusting that God is blessing every one of you abundantly, and that you will respond promptly to the call for better preparation and service for the Master, I remain,

Your true Christian friend,

CHAS. E. WELCH, *Ed. Sec.*

*2 Cor. 5: 20.

*Heb. 6: 6.

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

The date for meeting in District No. 7 is fixed for April 15-17. The place of meeting will be announced soon; so writes Elder W. W. Miller.

THE next semi-annual collection for the Haskell Home for orphans, and the James White Memorial Home for the aged, is to be taken up on Sabbath, April 2.

BEGIN planning now to attend the Summer School to be conducted by the Mount Vernon Academy in June and July. Watch for complete announcement a little later.

THE funeral of the late Sister John A. Haughey of Academia, Ohio, held last Sabbath afternoon was attended by many friends and neighbors. Among those from a distance were Elder A. G. Haughey, of West Michigan Conference, Arthur Haughey and family from Illinois, Kenneth Haughey and R. I. Francis of Newark, Ohio, and W. T. Brown of Wilmington, Ohio.

A CARD dated March 1, 1904, has just reached us bearing the following message: "We slept last night on the top of Mount Carmel, somewhere near where Elijah prayed for rain, (see 1 Kings 17). We prayed for the 'latter rain.' We are seven, Elders Conradi, Krum, Jaspersen, Dail, Hoenes, Zerub, myself and driver. We start for Nazareth soon. We are all well. The Lord is good. His work is onward. We are of good courage. W. H. Wakeham." We appreciate these briefs.

NOTICE! HEALTH FOODS!

WE can order health foods direct from Battle Creek, and have a special proposition to make to our people. Write Ohio Tract Society, Academia, Ohio, for particulars.

STATE MEETING.

THERE will be a meeting of the officers and public laborers of the Ohio Conference April 22-28, 1904. The nature of this meeting will be similar to the one we held about one year ago at Toledo.

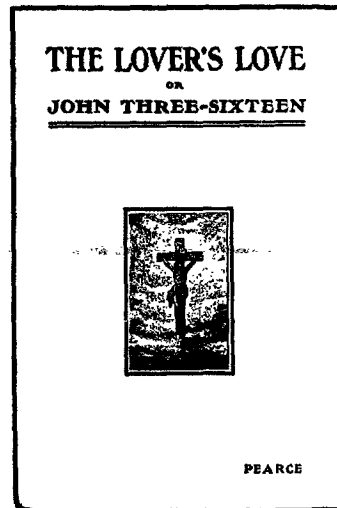
Matters of the greatest importance will be considered and every Conference laborer should be present from the *very first day*.

A campaign for the summer will be mapped out and the time, place and manner of conducting the next annual camp-meeting will receive a due share of attention. H. H. BURKHOLDER.

"THE LOVER'S LOVE."

A New Trade Book of Worth.

HERE is something too good to pass by with the usual notice. There are books and books; but here is a book



with a purpose, one that breathes the spirit of God's saving love from cover to cover, that inspires faith in the doubting soul, that encourages the weak, that wakens the spiritual energies of the indifferent, that will prove a blessing to every reader. Beautiful thoughts, beautifully expressed; apt illustrations, aptly put; lead one on, and on; from page, to page; from chapter, to chapter; yes, from assent, to faith; from hope, to victory. Though not a doctrinal work, yet it constantly exalts the greatest of all doctrines, "Saved by grace." A most helpful book for both young and old; for the home and school library; for all who need to know the love of God more perfectly,—and who does not?

The book is written by William P. Pearce, a minister of wide experience and having a rare gift of expression. It is published by the Review & Herald Publishing Co. Price in cloth, \$.75. Order of the Ohio Tract Society, Academia, Ohio.

A MESSAGE-GIVING ISSUE.

THE publishers of the *Southern Watchman* are preparing to issue a special number on the "Second Coming of Christ and the Signs just Preceding It." Some of the special signs that will be considered are "Among the Nations," "In the Heavens," "War Preparations," "The Eastern Question," "Capital and Labor," "The Money problem," "The Trusts," "Troublous Times," etc., while some of the other articles will be: "A Message of Warning," "Can the Revelation be Understood?" "The Three Messages of Revelation 14," "The Book of Daniel the Saviour's Testimony," "Close of Probation," "Present Truth," "Manner of Christ's Coming," "The Judgment," "The Resurrection Morning," "How does the Second Advent Affect the Wicked," "The Thousand Years."

This number will be ready about the first of May and will contain twenty-four pages, printed in two colors, and profusely illustrated, and will be furnished at the following rates: Single copies, 5 cents; 5 to 24 copies to one address, 4 cents per copy; 25 or more to one address, 3 cents per copy.

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CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending March 18, 1904.)

F. E. Wagner, Akron.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$9.75.

OBITUARY.

HAUGHEY.—Ann. daughter of William and Sarah Bentley, was born Jan. 20, 1838, in Clinton Co., O., and died at Academy, O., on March 23, 1904, aged 66 years, 2 months and 3 days. She was brought up in the Quaker faith, but later united with the Christian Church. She remained a firm believer in that church till she accepted present truth about twenty-five years ago. She was united in marriage to John A. Haughey in 1859. To them have been born seven children,—five sons and two daughters. She leaves her husband, four sons, two daughters and three brothers. Two of these sons are in the ministry of present truth, one in this country, one in England; another is a teacher in the cause of Christian education; the two daughters are Bible workers in the Ohio Conference. Thus the works of the faithful do follow them while they rest from their labors.

In the death of Sister Haughey the husband loses the companionship of one who has long and well borne the battle of life with him; the children lose a faithful, caretaking mother; the brothers, their last sister; the church, a consistent, helpful member; and the community, a kind and considerate neighbor. But we sorrow not as those who have no hope; for her last days were specially days of blessing, in that the Lord revealed himself to her in large measure, and she was enabled to trust him implicitly in all things. She rests in hope; we trust, "Asleep in Jesus." The funeral service was conducted by Elder C. A. Smith and the writer.

N. W. LAWRENCE.