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What of Thy Harvesting?

Nature has ripened her fruit and grain,
But what, O soul, are the sheaves you bring?
While the rich earth offers her golden gifts,
What is the grain of your harvesting?

Have you garnered patience from day to day?
Have you gathered the precious fruit of love?
Has charity grown by the fruit of tears,
And the sunshine streaming from above?

M. F. Butts.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

Should Every Church Member Pay Tithes?

What God says to one, he says to all. "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land; but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." These words of our God can not be narrowed down to simply mean baptism, and the keeping of the seventh day; but they embrace all the requirements of the gospel, even the payment of an honest tithe; the gospel embraces the tithing system, and as the gospel reaches the individuals only, how can an individual embrace a complete gospel without

embracing the command of God to bring "All the tithes into the store house."

The unchangeableness of our God is the only reason that we can give for our being permitted to live; and he uses this expression in connection with his instruction to us regarding the paying of our tithes. "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. But ye say, wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Malachi 5:6-8. "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house; that there may be meat in mine house."

In Lev. 27:30-32, God calls the tithe holy, and in Neh. 13:10-32 we find that when the people left off paying the holy tithe, they kept not God's holy Sabbath; and when they obeyed the command to bring in the tithes, the Sabbath was restored. God himself having declared that the Sabbath is holy, and the tithe holy, who among the sons of men would dare to say the one is more holy than the other? These are two grand principles by which the loyalty of man to his God is tested. Will a man who is an impenitent robber ever meet his God in peace, whether he be a robber of holy time or holy money? The Sabbath and the tithe both being holy, and made so by the same power, who among us would presume to say that a man can be a robber of holy money and yet be saved, while another man be a robber of holy time would be lost?

Again, the tithing system being a part of the gospel, and that part which sup-

ports the giving or the promulgation of every other part, could the gospel be complete without this support? Then can it be said that I am a promulgator of the gospel if I do not pay tithe? This being true of one man, it is also true of every other man who knows the truth. The commandment is to bring all the tithe into the store house. But where is this store house, it may be asked. In Washington, South Africa, India, or some individual? God by his people, in planning for their best good, and for the good of his cause, has established store houses throughout the great field, in every church, so the store house for the members of the church is right in the church to which they belong; and the store house of that church is the conference to which it belongs, and the store house of that conference is the Union Conference to which it belongs, and the store house of that Union Conference is the General Conference.

A perfect system for carrying forward God's great work; but the enemy does not want this work to go forward, so he gets all he can to pay no tithe at all; another to send his tithes to some far off land; another to give his tithes to the poor; and still another to send his tithes to Washington; and so on, hoping to cripple the work in some part of the field. I believe that God meant what he said when he gave the command to bring all the tithes into the store house. And my store house is the church where my membership is. But a command unheeded by a people is death; thus a command unheeded by an individual brings the same result. Therefore every church member should pay tithes to answer the command of God, "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house."

G. F. Watson.

**Work with the Family Bible Teacher
Through the Mails.**

There are many among us who are so situated as to be unable to carry the printed page from house to house. Such ones, however, are not left without opportunities to engage in the work. Almost every one has relatives and friends to whom they would like to convey a knowledge of present truth. The truth may be taught to these people in a systematic way through the mails at a very meager cost of both time and means. Brethren and sisters, look over the list of your acquaintances and see what a wonderful field for work is open before you. Does not God hold us responsible for placing the truth before these people? Just think, the cost for placing the truth before each family will amount to only about ten cents. Why not secure a supply of the Family Bible Teacher, and go to work? In most cases I do not think it well to send the entire set in a bunch, but I would send them only a few at a time until they have read the full course. By so doing the lessons are more likely to be read, and that, too, in their proper order. When the full set is sent at one time, they are liable to look them over, and when they see a subject that interests them they will read it, and perhaps neglect to read other subjects of equal importance. I recently received a letter from Brother Cummings of Chicago, in which he says, "I have some thirty readers to whom I send the lessons through the mail each week, and find that by putting some other interesting tract, or paper, such as *Southern Watchman*, *Signs* or the *Life Boat*, that it creates a better interest; and I have received enough donations to meet the expense of buying and sending the papers."

A short letter addressed to each reader occasionally, calling their attention to the important subjects treated in the lessons, will help to make the work more effective. Why not every Sabbath-keeper in Colorado and New Mexico take hold of this work at once? The sooner the truth is placed before our friends and relatives, the more likely they will be to accept it. If you do not see immediate results, do not become discouraged; it is ours to sow the seed, and God will give the increase.

As I see the untiring activity of Christian Scientists, Spiritualists, Mormons, and the devotees of other dark deceptions, and then behold the indifference of our own people, see them hiding their lights under a bushel, my soul is stirred

within me. Brethren and sisters, is it not time we should awake out of sleep, and place before the people the glorious truth which unveils these deceptions of Satan? Just think what a wonderful work five hundred persons could accomplish if each would place the truth before *even ten persons* during the coming year. Is there not at least this number in our conference whose hearts God has touched? Let all such secure a good supply of the Bible Teacher lessons from the Tract Society, and begin work *now*, for we have no time to lose. Every day men are becoming victims of Satan's deceptions, who might have accepted the truth, had we placed it before them.

W. H. Granger,
Canon City, Colo.

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FIELD REPORTS.

Colorado Springs.

We had a most blessed season together. God's calm, sweet, searching spirit was among us. Hearts were tendered and advance steps taken. We were especially rejoiced to see the interest the young people manifested. On Sunday, the 18th, one dear soul was baptized, and others are to follow soon. On Wednesday evening, the 28th, the church was filled with people who enjoyed a most interesting program given by our little ones. God is good, and we rejoice in his soon coming.

Dr. Willard W. Hills.

Rocky Ford.

We had good meetings during the week of prayer. We spent the time at Rocky Ford, La Junta and Fowler, and the Lord came very near. Our offerings are not yet all in and, taking into consideration the circumstances of our people, have been quite liberal, I think.

I also received a package of petitions, which I am placing in the hands of our people for signatures, and I think you can count on getting a good report from this vicinity in that line. How the lines pointing to the second advent are narrowing down. It seems to me that if there had ever been a particle of doubt in my mind, the action of the "Sabbath Reform" people, as shown in the present movement, would forever have set it at rest. It also makes me think, "Am I doing all I can to warn the people that a sword is coming upon them?" I realize

that the time is short, and we must be very industrious if we accomplish what the Lord has given us to do. Oh, may you and I be faithful in the Lord's service!

We were greatly is hopes that we would be in our new church for quarterly meeting, but on account of the cold weather the building has been delayed. However, our blessings on that occasion are not dependent on our new church. May the Lord come very near his waiting people.

George M. Alway.

District No. 3.

I reached Farmington, N. M., November 15. On the 19th we commenced a series of meetings in the church. Sabbath, December 24, four good souls were taken into full fellowship; seven others signed the covenant, who expect to join the church in the near future, and many others seem deeply interested. I am now on my way to the east end of the district, but expect to return soon and continue the work in Farmington. A number of the interested ones met with us to celebrate the ordinances December 24, at which service the Lord came very near, and softened all hearts by his spirit. We have ordered, and paid for, a club of 20 copies of the *Signs* for use by the Young People's Society. May the dear Lord bless every effort put forth in his name.

Malcom Mackintosh.

Alamogordo, N. M.

We are endeavoring to bind off the work here and at La Luz, preparatory to going back to Roswell. The work at La Luz has not been fruitless; however, the results are not so pleasing as we would like. The Sabbath question had been preached there before, by people on their own responsibility, whose lives were not so commendable as they should have been. Nevertheless, the six weeks' meeting, just closed, is said to have drawn a remarkable average attendance for La Luz; and not a few are convinced and convicted, but it looks like an impossibility to get the most of them to follow their convictions. Some are deciding to obey, for which we thank God. A lady decided to obey and then moved across the mountains. Another sister and her two daughters are trying to keep the Sabbath, but the husband and father opposes them strenuously. Two other sisters, under deep conviction, are weighing their eternal destiny in the balance of decision. Both will have home opposition. One

brother is obeying and doing what he can to get others to do likewise. Pray for all of these. In our work, we have no difficulty in convincing the people, but it is hard work to get them to yield to God and be willing to obey him. Perhaps we are at fault in some way. Pray for us that we may be just such instrumentalities as God can use.

Milo D. Warfle.

Hygiene.

I was with the German brethren at Windsor Sabbath, December 24, and find them of good courage. The church at Ni-Wot enjoyed the day meetings during week of prayer. I also had the privilege of holding four night meetings, with some interest from the outside people. The first four days of the week of prayer I was with the Hygiene church, holding the readings each evening. The German and English speaking people met together for the opening song and prayer, then separated for the reading. A good attendance we had, and a good spirit throughout the meetings. God's people are rising to a higher plain, manifesting more of the sacrificing spirit and that of consecration.

H. A. Aufderhar.

Wray.

DEAR ECHOES:—Inclosed find the price for renewal, and please change my address from Wray to Laird, Colo., as I have sold out my home and will reside at the latter place, for a while at least, and shall try to live the truth before the people there to the best of my knowledge, God being my helper. The week of prayer readings were much enjoyed. We hope some of the good brethren will be with us at our quarterly meeting, which will be held on time, if the Lord is willing. Let every member of the Wray church be present, if possible, for we have work to be done that cannot be done without help from all the members. Let every one pray earnestly to God that he may guide us in all that is done. May God still be merciful to us and spare us until we shall be able and willing to do his will.

B. E. Parkins.

Fruita.

Brother Spring met with us a part of the week of prayer. The Lord came very near as we met each day at the home of one of our number. How thankful we are that the Lord will come and bless us, even though small in number. He dwells

with those who are of a contrite heart; therefore it makes no difference whether we dwell in a mansion or amid the rocks of the mountains,—his presence is near.

"The Lord is our Shepherd, our Guardian and Guide.

Whatever we need he will kindly provide:
To the sheep of his pasture his mercies abound:
His care and protection his flock will surround.
The Lord is become our salvation and song;
His blessings have followed us all our life long!
His name will we praise while we have any breath;

Be cheerful in life, or be happy in death."

E. M. Knox.



The Teacher's Duty to His Class.

Paper Read by Meade MacGuire at the Arvada Sabbath-School Convention.

Never can a teacher attain true success until he realizes to a considerable degree the most solemn and sacred responsibility of the work in which he is engaged—the tremendous influence for good or evil which his work must have upon the life-harvest of the children entrusted to his care.

The divine truths of Jesus cannot be received into the heart without producing a sanctifying effect. "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth." "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul."

To the teacher whose heart is in happy accord with the spirit and aim of Jesus there can be but one grand, all-controlling, all-important object and purpose—to so present the law of the Lord to his class that their souls may be converted to Christ.

The character of the Sabbath-school child, for the most part, is unformed. He is curious, but not skeptical, and is usually ready to receive our teachings. At no time of life can impressions be made which will be so permanent as those made in childhood. To the teacher, therefore, is given the opportunity of assisting greatly in the formation of character. Great possibilities are within his reach, not because he is required to do great things, but because little deeds and words of love, seeds of truth, of purity and nobility sown in the heart at this favorable juncture will bear a grand harvest for him.

On page 88 of Test. on Sabbath-school work we read that "Heaven sees in the child the undeveloped man or woman, with capabilities and powers which, if properly directed and developed, with

heavenly wisdom, will become the human agencies through whom the divine influences can co-operate, to be laborers together with God." So those who are connected with heaven, and working for heaven, will view the child as heaven views him. All this the teacher must see and appreciate before he is qualified to do a teacher's duty to his class.

Since the promise is sure that the truth of God received into the heart will bring light, and conversion, and sanctification, then, evidently, the teacher must in some way gain admittance to the heart, the mind, the affections of his pupils. A casual acquaintance is not enough. So delicate, and often difficult an undertaking requires most careful and thorough preparation. No teacher who realizes the sacredness of his work would enter with rude and careless tread the hallowed sanctuary of a child's affections, nor thrust upon him, all unprepared, those sacred teachings the acceptance or rejection of which shall determine his eternal destiny.

He knows that unless the truth has been carefully digested in his own mind, has been studied and expanded, developed and beautified until his whole soul is filled with its attractions, has been made warm and glowing as the iron under the hammer, he cannot make others feel its warmth or see its beauty. He takes the truth to be taught with him everywhere through the week. He studies the disposition and habits of those whom he would teach, the scenes and events with which he is familiar, and then makes nature, history and experiences of human life all willing ministers to illustrate, explain, adorn and enforce the truth. He studies the simplest and choicest words, and with every sense and faculty awake, he goes from a meeting with the Great Teacher in his closet, direct to his class with this simple aim, that the truth with which his soul is filled will fill theirs; that in its simple, direct, burning power it will go straight to every heart. So, by careful, patient, persistent effort toward the highest ideal, may be learned that great skill which will reward all the toil of its acquisition with glorious success.

When a suspension bridge was to be thrown across the seething waters of Niagara River below the falls, the question arose how to accomplish the first step in the work. The river was too rapid to be crossed by boat. The banks were very steep and high. A little ingenuity solved the problem. A kite was first raised and, with the aid of a favorable wind,

was floated above the opposite bank. It was then made to descend by giving it slack line till it fell on the side desired. Thus a cord was carried across from bank to bank. The cord drew over a wire; the wire, a strand of wires; the strand, a cable; and the problem was solved.

This one problem confronts every teacher—how to convey the grand, saving truths of God's message to the hearts of the pupils. The proper preparation will do more than anything else to procure this first foothold for the teacher. And when he has won the heart of the child, when the door stands open and he is ever welcome, how priceless should he regard the opportunities of placing there the gold, silver and precious stones which will form the foundation of a noble and upright character. This first problem once solved, no opportunity should ever be missed till the desired end, the conversion of the child, has been accomplished.

Sabbath-school Test. P. 82. "The angels will aid you in your efforts to find the key to the heart of the most incorrigible and unruly. You will receive special grace and strength through Christ. * * * You will then be qualified to be a laborer together with God, one with Christ in your effort to save the lost, and the result of your labor of love will be seen not only in time, but through all eternity."

In concluding this branch of the subject let us keep these facts before our minds. The greatest object the teacher can have is the conversion of his pupils. The word of God will accomplish this when properly introduced into the mind and heart of the child. The teacher must first gain access to the heart and this can only be done by earnest and thorough preparation. God has promised the help and co-operation of angels and the Holy Spirit to unlock to the earnest teacher the hearts of the most unruly and incorrigible. When admittance is gained, no opportunity should be lost to cultivate the good seed in the heart, for should he be careless, the vigilant enemy will seize the opportunity to sow tares in the field and his vantage will be lost.

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System and Order.

About one year ago we sent out a request that all funds paid by our brethren to individuals or churches, whether it be tithes or offerings, should go through the regular channel. Individuals belonging to church organizations, living near their place of meeting, should always pay their tithes and offerings to the church treasurer, taking a receipt for the same.

The money received by the church treasurer should be sent to the state conference treasurer, and all funds thus received by the state conference treasurer should be sent to the Union Conference treasurer, and by the Union Conference treasurer to the General Conference treasurer.

I hope that all who read this notice will act in accordance with the above suggestions. To do as suggested would be doing business in a business-like way, and it is always safe to do business that way. When money is paid to different individuals promiscuously for varied enterprises, no church, conference, union conference, or general conference can tell how much should have been credited by them to different enterprises.

To send funds and not have them go through their regular channel is a disregard of order, and is confusing and unsafe. Even bear in mind that God is not the author of confusion, but he is a God of order. I understand that some have requested our brethren to send funds raised for a certain field direct to the persons making the appeal, and not to send them to the state or General Conference treasurer. I hope that all who read this article will disregard such requests as they are wrong, and to heed them would tend to demoralize our work and break down system; and evil, and only evil will result. Let us do the Lord's work ever in a systematic way.

E. T. Russell.

"My Only Regret."

From a letter just received from a young man who has been canvassing for the past month, we quote: "Every indication is that I will have complete success in my canvassing. My only regret is that I did not enter this work sooner."

This young man accepted the truth only a short time ago, and at once began seeking for work in the Lord's vineyard. For a time nothing opened before him, but he was really anxious for service, and when house-to-house work with our books came to his attention, he accepted and went out by faith. He now expresses himself as greatly pleased over the many opportunities he finds for soul-winning in the canvassing field.

Are there not many young men and women who are longing to join in a search for souls who will do likewise? I verily believe there are hundreds who, if they were to do so, would say with this young man, "My only regret is that I did not enter this work sooner." What do you think?

H. H. Hall,

Sec. Gen. Conf. Pub. Com.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Elder Ziegler expects to begin a series of meetings at Loveland this week.

Elder G. H. Smith and wife of the Neb. Conference were in Denver last week. We are sorry to learn that Sister Smith is in poor health.

There will be a meeting of the conference committee in Denver, Monday, Jan. 16.

Mrs. Judge Holbrook and daughters spent the holidays with Mrs. Holbrook's parents near Denver.

Brother and Sister J. B. France of Greeley were in the city recently and made us a pleasant call.

Elder Richards was in Denver a couple of days last week as he passed through on his way to his home at Loveland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Woodward of Aspen made a business trip to Denver last week. We were glad to see them.

Elder Svensson will meet with the church at Idaho Springs Sabbath, Jan. 14, and Dr. Hills has been invited to meet with the Capitol Hill Church at that time.

The church at Arvada enjoyed an excellent Sabbath-school convention Sabbath, Dec. 31. Some good papers were read and all benefitted by the consideration of important, practical subjects.

Sister Halliday has returned to Denver after an encouraging and successful experience in the canvassing work in Sedalia, Mo. Miss Pearl Weirich, who accompanied her, has joined the Misses Green in Des Moines.

A very interesting Sabbath-school convention was recently held at Albuquerque, and some of the papers have been forwarded to us for publication, which we hope to use soon. Owing to the press of matter we have been unable to give space to them as yet.

Mrs. I. T. Martin writes encouragingly from Paonia. She says, "We were greatly blessed during the week of prayer. Elder Watson was with us four days and we received much spiritual help. I pray that the Lord's blessing may go with our offering."

Brother Workhoffer writes as follows: "I enjoyed the week of prayer very much. The Holy Spirit was present. I hope this week of prayer may have its sanctifying influence on the hearts of the people of God. May the dear Lord bless the Denver church is my prayer."

From Montrose come these encouraging words: "I thank God for the good spirit that has been manifested in our church during the week of prayer. The readings encouraged the hearts of all present. After listening to the reading of Elder Spicer's article we all felt that we wanted to be missionaries, so we have made our annual offerings larger than ever before. W. Toothaker."