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### GENERAL ARTICLES.

#### FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP.

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Christ has purchased us by the price of His own blood. He has paid the purchase money for our redemption, and if we will lay hold upon the treasure, it is ours by the free gift of God.

"How much owest thou unto my Lord?" It is impossible to tell. All that we have is from God.

He lays His hand upon our possessions, saying, "I am the rightful owner of the whole universe; these are My goods. Consecrate to me the tithes and offerings. As you bring in these specified goods as a token of your loyalty, and your submission to My sovereignty, My blessing shall increase your substance, and you will have abundance."

God is testing every soul that claims to believe in Him. All are entrusted with talents. The Lord has given men His goods upon which to trade. He has made them His stewards, and has placed in their possession money, houses, and lands. All these are to be treated as the Lord's goods, and used to advance His work, to build up His kingdom in the world. In trading with the Lord's goods, we are to seek Him for wisdom that we

may not use His sacred trust to glorify ourselves, to indulge selfish impulses. The amount entrusted varies, but those who have the smallest gifts must not feel that because they are small, they can do nothing with them.

Every Christian is a steward of God, entrusted with His goods. Remember the words, "Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." Let us be sure that we are not robbing God in any jots or tittles; for much is involved in this question. All things belong to God. Men may ignore His claims. While He bountifully bestows His blessings upon them, they may use His gifts for their own self gratification, but they will be called to give an account for their stewardship.

A steward identifies himself with his master. He accepts the responsibilities of a steward, and he must act in his master's stead, doing as his master would do were he presiding. His master's interests become his. The position of a steward is one of dignity, because his master trusts him. If in any wise he acts selfishly, and turns the advantage gained by trading with his lord's goods to his own advantage, he has perverted the trust reposed to him.

The Lord has made the proclamation of the gospel dependent upon the labors and voluntary gifts of all His people. The one who proclaims the message of mercy to fallen man has another work also to set before the people, the duty of sustaining the work of God with his means. He must teach them that a portion of their income belongs to God, and is to be sacredly devoted to His work. This lesson he should present both by

precept and example. And he should beware that he does not by his own course lessen the force of his teachings.

That which has been set apart according to the Scriptures as belonging to the Lord constitutes the

**USE OF THE TITHE** revenue of the gospel, and is no longer ours. It is no better than sacrilege for a man to take from God's treasury to serve himself, or to serve others in their secular business. Some have been at fault in diverting from the altar of God that which has been especially dedicated to Him. All should regard this matter in the right light. Let no one, when brought into a strait place, take money consecrated to religious purposes, and use it for his advantage, soothing his conscience by saying that he will repay it at some future time. Far better cut down the expenses to correspond with the income, to restrict the wants, and live within the means, than to use the Lord's money for secular purposes. This subject is not regarded as it should be. Under no pretext is the money paid into the treasury of God to be used for the benefit of any one in temporal affairs.

God has given special directions as to the use of the tithe. He does not design that His work shall be crippled for want of means. That there may be no haphazard work and no error, He has made our duty on these points very plain. The portion that God has reserved for Himself is not to be diverted to any other purpose than that which He has specified. Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe, to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in an emergency, nor to apply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the

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Lord's work. God has shown honor to men in taking them into partnership with Himself in the great work of redemption.

The minister should, by precept and example, teach the people to regard the tithe as sacred. He should not feel that he can retain and apply it, according to his own judgment, because he is a minister. It is not his. He is not at liberty to devote to himself whatever he thinks is his due. Let him not give his influence to any plans for diverting from their legitimate use the tithes and offerings dedicated to God. They are to be placed in His treasury and held sacred for His service as He has appointed.

God desires all His stewards to be exact in following divine arrangements. They are not to offset the Lord's plans by performing some deed of charity, or giving some gift or some offering, when or how they, the human agents, shall see fit. It is a very poor policy for men to seek to improve on God's plan, and invent a makeshift, averaging up their good impulses on this and that occasion, and offsetting them against God's requirements. God calls upon all to give their influence to His own arrangement. He has made His plan known, and all who would co-operate with Him must carry out this plan, instead of daring to attempt an improvement on it.

"Thou shalt command the children of Israel that they may bring thee pure olive oil beaten for 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. His people today are to remember that the house of worship is the Lord's property, and that it is to be scrupulously cared for. But the funds for this work are 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 that the tithe is to be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord's arrangement.

God will judge for these things. One reason that the tithe may be applied to school purposes. Still others would reason that canvassers and colporteurs 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 be today in the field one hundred well qualified laborers where now there is but one.

The tithe is sacréd, 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.

Some have been dissatisfied, and have said, I will no longer pay my tithe, for I have no confidence in the way things are managed at the heart of the work. But will you rob God because you think the management of the work is not right? Make your complaint, plainly and openly, in the right spirit to the proper ones. Send in your petitions for things to be adjusted and set in order; but do not withdraw from the work of God, and prove unfaithful because others are not doing right.

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 word, and be faithful in paying their tithes into His treasury, more 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 withheld tithes, or made use of them 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 treasure 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 has 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 still to be used for the support of the ministry. The opening of new fields requires more ministerial efficiency than we now have, and there might be means in the treasury.

Those who go

**DUTY OF MINISTERS TO EDUCATE PEOPLE** forth as ministers have a solemn responsibility devolving upon them which is strangely neglected. Some enjoy preaching, but they do not give personal labor to the churches. There is great need of instruction concerning the obligations and duties to God, especially in regard to paying an honest tithe. Our ministers would feel sadly aggrieved if they were not promptly paid for their labor; but will they consider that there must be meat in the treasure-house of God wherewith to sustain the laborers? If they fail to do their whole duty in educating the people to be faithful in paying to God His own, there will be a shortage of means in the treasury to carry forward the Lord's work.

The overseer of the flock of God should faithfully discharge his duty. If he takes the position that because this is not pleasant to him, he will leave it for some one else to do, he is not a faithful worker. Let him read in Malachi the words of the Lord charging the people with robbery toward God in withholding the tithes. The mighty God declares, "ye are cursed with a curse." When the one who ministers in word and doctrine, sees the people pursuing a course that will bring this curse upon them, how can he neglect his duty to give them instruction and warning? Every church member should be taught to be faithful in paying an honest tithe.

"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 enough to receive it."

### Our Coming State Conference.

This meeting, nothing preventing, will be held in the city of Pueblo, August 20-30, 1908. Elder Mackintosh and Elder Kennedy secured the free use of the Fair Grounds with electric light and city water. This will be quite a saving to the Conference. Also the buildings on the ground will save us the erection of many large tents. I believe it is none too early for our brethren and sisters to begin to plan, as families, to attend this meeting. It is to be hoped that every family in this conference will be represented at our annual meeting.

Your attention will be called to the

benefits of the annual state meeting in the future by different members of the conference committee. This is simply a statement announcing the time and place.

We have already asked the General Conference to furnish us good help. We are laying our plans to make this meeting the best ever held in our state.

G. F. WATSON.

### The Same Image---2 Cor. 3:18.

It is not a recent discovered fact that by beholding an object long and earnestly we become like the object of our interest. In Heb. 9:28 we are told that "Unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Constant looking and longing for Him will so transform their lives that when He does appear "they shall be like Him" in character.

We have read of a rough sailor who was persuaded by his aged mother to visit a gallery and look at the picture of the Crucifixion before starting on a long voyage. The first glance at that sublime scene revited his attention. In a few moments his cap came off and soon fell unheeded to the floor. An hour passed, and then another, and as he sat gazing subdued and awestruck as the great fact of God's gift penetrated his mind, a marvelous transformation was going on within. Tears of sympathy, before unknown, streamed from his eyes. He was no longer an infidel, scoffing at the religion of his mother, but as he passed from the room, now sacred to him, he said to the keeper, "The story of the Christ must be true, for no man could paint a scene like that if it were not true."

Forty days Moses dwelt in the bright presence of God and communed with Him. He beheld the majesty and glory of his Creator, and the change was so great that when he returned to the people they could not look steadfastly upon the reflected glory shining from his countenance.

The great principle here illustrated is especially true in its relation to the formation of character. All who study men are aware of this principle that he who beholds with patient, persistent gaze any object, whether material, intellectual or spiritual, is changed by that object. These exterior objects bear in upon the mind until they are indelibly photographed in the brain and become the life.

Hawthorn has beautifully illustrated this thought in his allegory of "The

Great Stone Face." "There was a great stone face on the side of the mountain overlooking the place where the young man lived. For many years a legend had come down concerning it and prophesying that some day a true and noble man bearing an exact resemblance to the great stone face would come to the place and be a blessing to all the people. As the years passed by, and day by day he gazed at the great face which seemed to look down at him, he wondered if he ought not to prepare the way for the coming of the good man. So he began to labor for the good of the people. With helpful words and kindly deeds of sympathy and love he tried to be what the great stone face wished him to be. At last he grew old and the whitened locks about his face resembled the mists which hung over the mountain, and lo! the people began to say, "The prophesy is fulfilled, the man resembling the great stone face is with us." So thoroughly had the thoughtful and oft repeated gaze of admiration and hope transformed his life that he had changed from feature to feature into "The Great Stone Face." And so Paul, certain of the results of our applying this great principle in our lives said, "We all beholding the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image."

And this same Paul expressed his desire to all in the Hebrew church that they be "followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." In all the ages God has had men in whom he has developed characteristics like His own, and other men looking upon their lives have been changed. Unnumbered thousands have gazed long at Abraham's loyalty, and have become loyal. They have seen the outcome of Moses' choice in esteeming the reproach of Christ, greater riches than the treasures in Egypt, and they have made a wise choice. They have been thrilled by the bravery of Elijah, and have become brave. They have pondered the purity of Joseph, the courage of Joshua, the heroism of Daniel and his companions, and have become heroes. Look at them long and earnestly, and you, too, will have strength and stability in the fiber of your character. But in all these it is not the men, but the special characteristics that we are bidden to behold and imitate. We are admonished again that surrounded with this cloud of witnesses, and encouraged by their experiences, we may run the race with patience only by "looking unto Jesus."

Only once in all time has God placed

before us a visible form as our perfect and sinless and matchless example. Him, we must adore, worship and behold in all His beauty and mightiest of wonders, by beholding we become changed. Here, indeed, lies the possibility of character for us all. For Paul says, "we ALL, beholding, are changed. Limited in character *only* by our willingness to behold.

It is told of Dounecher that he worked eight years upon a marble statue of Christ. After laboring two years he called into his studio a little girl, and, directing her attention to the statue, asked her, "who is that?" She answered, "a great man." He saw that he had failed and began anew. A few years later, he called the child into his studio and repeated his question. After looking at it silently for awhile, she said in quiet tones, "Suffer little children to come unto Me." He had succeeded. He then and afterward believed, because of the inspiration from God by which he had worked out in these eight years the vision of Christ, which had come to him in his lonely nights. However this may be, we know that the Holy Spirit stands ready to work out in every life "the same image" to inspire every man to the attainment of that life which will reflect the character of Jesus fully. But it is always by beholding that we are changed. We may feel the need of a change of life, of disposition, of habits, and may pray for the transformation to come, but while we go about our work giving it no more thought, we shall be disappointed, for it will never come. We must hold the object of our longings ever before us, whether it be the purity, the humility, the patience, the winsomeness, the peace or the power of our Christ, if we would make it ours. MEADE MACGUIRE.

### Offering for the Poor.

We are again nearing the time for our annual collection for the poor, the aged, and the prattling child, who are without support only as we by our free will offerings give them a place to sleep, raiment to wear, and food to eat. April 4th is the time for this annual collection. I am sure that heaven has committed to us this sacred trust. So with one consent, let us do what we can to relieve the suffering these classes may have to meet. The great day will soon dawn when there will be no poor, no homeless ones, but everyone will have a home in the kingdom of our father.

G. F. WATSON.

**NOTES AND ITEMS.**

Quarterlies should be ordered *immediately*.

Dr. Shively, of Boulder, was in Denver last week.

Elder Mackintosh is spending this week in Colorado Springs.

Mrs. N. Ragan, of Leadville, is visiting friends in Cheyenne, Wyo.

On account of scarlet fever the church school in Clifton has been closed.

50,000 copies of the February number of Life & Health were sold last month.

Elder Corbaley is holding meetings Sunday evenings in the Arvada church.

Dr. Diffenbacher and Brother W. D. Emery spent Sabbath, March 7, with the Greeley church.

Elder Watson spent last Sabbath in Eaton, where Dr. Diffenbacher is holding a series of meetings.

At the recent meeting in Keene, Elder H. L. Hoover was chosen superintendent of the New Mexico field.

Twenty-six of our Sabbath Schools gave *all* the contributions received last quarter to Foreign Missions.

The Capitol Hill church is enjoying a visit from Sister Proudfit, of College View, their former librarian.

Owing to sickness, Elder Spring closed his work in Vernon last week, and returned to his home in Canon City.

The ECHOES list now numbers six hundred and ten. This does not include Exchanges and free subscriptions.

Dr. Frank Washburn and family spent a few days last week visiting with Elder Watson at the Colorado Sanitarium.

Elders Porter and Hoover have been visiting the various churches in New Mexico, and have organized a church of twenty-two members near Kenna.

The supplement to the pamphlet "Outline of our Missions" may be obtained without cost by sending to Ralph Emery, R. F. D. No. 2, Boulder. All who are taking the Reading Course should have a copy at once.

Brother Ira Young, of Great Falls, Montana, and Sister Jennie Enke, of Farmington, New Mexico, were married in Farmington, February 26th. Brother and Sister Young passed through Denver on their way to Great Falls where they will reside.

**Soul Saving Work.**

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the scriptures." "It is often the humblest work that yields the greatest results. The more DIRECT our labor for our fellowmen, the greater good will be accomplished. PERSONAL influence is a power. The minds of those with whom we are closely associated are impressed through unseen influences. One cannot speak to a multitude and move them as he could if he were brought into closer relationship with them. Jesus left heaven, and came to our world to save souls. You must come close to those for whom you labor, that they may not only hear your voice, but shake your hand, learn your principles, feel your sympathy. Take up the work anywhere and everywhere. Do that which is nearest you, right at your own doors, however humble and uncommended it may seem. Work only for the glory of God and the good of men. Go to your neighbors one by one, and come close to them till their hearts are warmed by your unselfish interest and love. Do not neglect speaking to your neighbors, and doing them all the kindness in your power, that you may by all means save some. We need to seek for the Spirit that constrained the apostle Paul to go from house to house, pleading with tears and teaching repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." See Acts 20:21. Gos. Workers, pp. 342, 340, 336, 337.

We are in the midst of an interesting institute at Hygiene with eight in attendance. We believe that by consecration and hard work, they will be a power in the land for good as they go from house to house, and come in close touch with the people, as the Spirit of God has taught us to do in the above quotations from Gospel Workers. Who is able to come closer to the people than the humble canvasser on his mission of mercy to them? If you want to taste of the joys of God's salvation, we invite

you to enter the canvassing work and stick to it. Many are falling out altogether because they are not using the precious talents given them in the Lord's service. Brethren and sisters, wake up; it is time to repent and confess our sins, rather than identify ourselves with the world in its fashions and frivolities. As the winter is almost over, we shall look for better reports and longer hours' work from our "faithful few." Canvassers, let us be faithful to our calling, and others will catch the inspiration and come to our help. Brother Bellah, our General Agent, wrote me that they only had nine at the institute in Nebraska, but that they meant business. We mean business too, and let us remember that we are doing business for the King of Kings. What we need is that sticktoitiveness that will not be defeated by the great enemy.

J. J. JOBE.

**Report of the Missionary Volunteer of the Societies of the Colorado Conference for the Quarter ending December 31, 1907.**

Number of societies, 18.  
Present membership, 370.  
Members in State Home Department, 10.

**REPORT OF WORK DONE.**

Missionary letters written.....	376
Missionary letters received.....	149
Missionary visits.....	524
Bible readings or cottage meetings	163
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	70
Papers sold.....	1,954
Papers mailed or given away.....	4,524
Books sold.....	277
Books loaned.....	92
Pages of tracts sold.....	260
Pages of tracts given away.....	60,540
Hours of Christian help work.....	658
Persons supplied with food, etc....	88
Total contributions during quarter	\$164.68
Offerings for home mission work..	62.74
Offerings for foreign mission work.	101.94

Above appears the summary of the work done by the young people for the last quarter of 1907. Study it carefully. Sixteen societies reported work done. Let every society, and every isolated missionary volunteer report this present quarter. We want an increase, notwithstanding the loss of three societies with New Mexico. Go work today for Jesus, in His name, and guided by His Spirit.

R. T. EMERY.

**Canvassers' Report for Two Weeks Ending March 7, 1908.**

AGENTS	HOURS	EX.	ORD.	VAL.	DEL.	VAL.	NAME OF B
Effie Hudspeth.....	31	47	4	\$11.25	..	\$ 5.50	Great Contro.
C F Innis.....	60	45	..	2.25	10	49.75	"
Mrs A M Gartman....	30	56	9	22.65	5	12.25	Herald
Fred Payne.....	18	..	18	27.00	18	27.00	Coming King
L B Schick.....	16	30	6	13.30	..	..	"
Wm H Brown.....	..	..	..	34.00	..	27.50	Miscellaneous
Miscellaneous.....	29	45	10	72.25	29	45.25	"
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>\$182.70</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>\$167.25</b>	