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## STAY NOT.

ARE there kindly words to say ?  
Oh say them !  
Good impulses to obey ?  
Obey them !  
Are there paths you should pursue ?  
Pursue them !  
Are there loving deeds to do ?  
Then do them !  
Lift the sorrows burdensome—  
Oh, stay not !  
Active hands will soon be numb,  
Speaking lips will soon be dumb,  
Day is hastening, night will come :  
Delay not !—*Selected.*

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WE may not climb the highest steeps,  
To bring the Lord Christ down,  
In vain we search the lowest deeps,  
For Him no depths can drown.  
But warm sweet, tender, even yet,  
A present help is He,  
And faith has still its Olivet,  
And love its Galilee.  
The healing of His seamless dress,  
Is by each couch of pain,  
We touch Him in life's throng and press.  
And we are whole again.—*Whittie.*

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## OFFERINGS.

“WILL a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But yesay, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.” Mal. 3 : 8.

The Lord complains of those whom he here addresses, complains of their robbing him in two different particulars. They have robbed him in not paying an honest tithe; they have also robbed him in the matter of offerings. Having considered the tithing question at some length, we will also notice the subject of offerings.

The time has come, in view of the nearness of the end, the great needs of means with which

to advance the cause of present truth, and the danger of multitudes of perishing souls now in darkness and ignorance of the last message of warning, that we as a people should be fully aroused, and truly understand the claims of God upon our service and means.

The duty of paying tithes has been made quite prominent among our people, yet comparatively few have fully met the requirements of God's word. Far less has been said concerning *making the offerings he requires of us*. Yet God declares that his people are guilty of robbing him in the matter of offerings. Will those who rob God in any way hear it said at last, “Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord”? Is *robbing* God doing well? Let us all think of it, brethren and sisters.

### Of What Time is Malachi Speaking?

It may be well to notice again to whom the words of the above text apply.

1. They apply when God's “Messenger of the covenant” comes suddenly to the temple of God in heaven, to enter upon his final judgment work. He then sits as a refiner and purifier of his people before he appears in his glory.

2. They apply just before he comes in person to punish all the wicked of the earth. Verse 5.

3. They apply just before he makes up and gathers his “jewels” or “special treasure,” margin; before the great burning day, when “all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up,” and “leave them neither root nor branch.”

4. They apply while the warning message of reformation, symbolized by Elijah the prophet is going forth: yea in the very “spirit and power of Elijah,” heralding the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In other words, this robbing of God in *tithes* and *offerings* is seen in the ranks of God's “remnant” people in this very time in which we are living. What a thought this is! Yet it is a fact, not only foretold by the prophet, but seen in all directions among us as a people

### The Ceremonial Offerings.

Let us consider what things are embraced in the term "offerings." An "offering" is something offered. Cain brought an "offering" to the Lord of the fruits of the ground. Abel brought an "offering" of the flock. Gen. 4:3, 4. Both offerings were a recognition of gratitude to God and dependence upon him. Abel's gift meant more than Cain's. It expressed the fact that he was a sinner and had faith in a Saviour who was to come, whose blood would be shed for the sins of men. His offering was accepted.

This was the first recorded instance of the offering of blood, typical of the death of Christ; the beginning of that typical dispensation four thousand years long, reaching to the Messiah who was to come. There were a great variety of offerings in that system, too many to enumerate. They all related to the service of God, and were a part of his worship, recognizing his sovereignty and expressive of duty to, and love for him.

### Offerings for the Sanctuary.

During the continuance of the typical dispensation, many of the offerings were sacrificial in their character, that is, the offering of the blood of beasts, birds, etc., as an expiation for sin. But not all by any means were of this character. Take, for an example, the building of the sanctuary in the wilderness, and its furnishings. "Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord; whosever is of a willing heart let him bring it an offering of the Lord; gold, and silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and scarlet." Ex. 35:5, 6. "The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work," etc. Verse 29.

So liberal were the hearts of the people that soon those who had the work in charge "spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work." Chap. 36:5. What an example of liberality this was!

This sanctuary was a very costly building. Vast quantities of gold and silver were used in its construction, as well as the most precious jewels and precious stones.

Would to God such a spirit as was here shown, prevailed among the Lord's people today. Why should it not prevail? *It will be manifest among those who are fully prepared for the coming of Christ.*

### Liberality at the Time of Pentecost.

The same liberality was seen after the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost. All the disciples had, was put into the work. *They became poor in order that the cause of God might be advanced in the earth.* Farms were sold and laid at the apostles' feet. And how rapidly the gospel went forward! Thousands upon thousands were converted in a short time.

### The Protestant Reformation and Later Movements.

The same spirit was seen in the great Protestant Reformation in Luther's time; also in the proclamation of the first angel's message in 1836-1844, when that work went with power.

Farms were sold. Means were freely spent, and *many made themselves poor to help forward the cause of God.*

In the proclamation of the third angel's message, already various instances of this kind have occurred in the past. Shall I say in the earlier and better days of the pioneers in this great movement?—Yes; it may be truly so said. Yet we shall see far more of that spirit of true and full consecration in the greater development of the "latter rain" of the Spirit, when the "loud cry" of the message is just closing, when the "earth will be lightened" with its glory. Rev. 18:1.—G. I. B. in *Southern Watchman*.

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### BLESSING IN TRIAL.

TRIALS are always meant for our good, as "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Every follower of Christ must expect trials. Trials will come. We are told "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you," as Christ himself, "was in all points tempted like as we are." We shall be severely tried, but we need not despair. Christ says, "Be of good cheer: I have overcome the world." Sister White writes, "the trials of life are God's workmen, to remove the impurities and roughness from our character. Their hewing, squaring and chiselling, their burnishing and polishing, is a painful process, it is hard to be pressed down to the grinding wheel. But the stone is brought forth prepared to fill its place in the heavenly temple." I am thankful to God that always after getting victory over a trial, I have learned a new

lesson. I am gaining precious experiences in my work here at the Sanitarium as some of my patients are interested in our truths. Some of them have read the exposition on Matt. 24, the pamphlet named, "His glorious appearing." Lately, one expressed his desire to study the Bible and I asked Mrs. Mookerjee to hold Bible Readings with him, as a result of which, he is interested and wishes to attend the services when he comes back from up-country, where he is going for a change. We shall, in our experience, always notice there are blessings in trial. Brethren and Sisters, let us all rejoice in tribulation.

Calcutta.

L. G. MOOKERJEE.

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**BURMA.**

WE have much cause to be grateful for a continuance of God's mercies to us in strengthening us physically as well as spiritually, and thus helping us still to be of good courage in the conflict as also for the evidences of His blessings in the work here. During the past month there has not only been a revival in our night meetings, but we have also had some enjoyable Sabbath morning gatherings at which the attendance both of adults and children has been larger than at any previous time. Some of our recent inquirers after the truth are now taking a deep interest in the advent message, and the present Sabbath school studies in the Book of Revelation have helped greatly to encourage the older adherents to the truth. Our school work under Sister Sloan's management is doing nicely. We closed for a ten days' Autumn vacation on the 26th September with 22 pupils on the rolls. We are now at the close of what has been an unusually heavy rainy season even for Lower Burma, and wish the advent of dry weather when we are able to do more outdoor work. Sister Meyers is having some good experiences in canvassing the town for the *Oriental Watchman* and *Good Health*, and the friendly greetings with which she is welcomed into most homes, and the appreciation shown for her literature, is very encouraging indeed.

Mr. and Mrs. MEYERS.

I am glad to have a part in God's work. I am canvassing for "Best Stories from the Best Book." To-day I went out for a few hours and got five orders. I am writing to the "EASTERN TIDINGS," with the hope that other little boys

and girls will try to work for Jesus in this way. Please pray that God will bless these books in the homes of Burma.

DUDLEY MEYERS.

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**CEYLON.**

DURING the month of September we have conducted our regular services in our Bungalow, and also held another season of prayer meetings extending over one week. We were much encouraged by seeing a much larger attendance at these meetings than at any other previous meeting. We had our little Bungalow well filled and those who came showed a real interest in the themes presented.

These meetings were held during the time of the "full moon" as we find the people more willing to come out when the evenings are light. We shall continue to hold them each month until such times as we can go forward with a real public effort in a more public place. We thank God for these privileges.

We hope the time is not far distant when we can open up the work here with a good tent and a few more workers. The situation here calls for a strong united effort, and we are glad to believe this is now being arranged for. We have received encouraging words from America, and it is just possible that a tent will be donated to us from there by some one who feels the burden of this work.

This morning I received a call from Captain Clarke of the Salvation Army. He had lately returned from furlough in England, and having met our people there, he spoke very highly of the truths that have made us the people of God. He left, with literature on most of the truths we love, and seemed so pleased to have the opportunity of reading what he called "sound doctrine."

Dear Brethren and Sisters are we appreciating the precious truths God has given to us? And are we seeking to make these known to others? When we consider that we are living in the last hour of the Judgment, and that the great day of atonement is about to close, what manner of people ought ye to be? The sanctuary in heaven is now being cleansed and we are the people whom ancient Israel typified. Let us cleanse ourselves from

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every vain thing, and, as "vessels of honour, sanctified and made meet for the master's work," let us yield all the powers of our being in this last closing work.

God is leading His people now in a special manner. Can you see the "pillar of cloud and of fire?" May the windows of our souls be opened to see the way unto Eternal rest. Christian greetings to the church.

H. A.

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## NEWS AND NOTES.

### General Meeting.

SEVERAL inquiries have been made about the general meeting, as to whether we were to have one this year, and if so, when. We are not prepared at this writing to make any definite statement regarding the general meeting. We expected before this to have definite information as to when the new workers would arrive from America, but as their coming has been delayed a few weeks, it would not be wise to make any arrangements for a meeting until the time of their coming is known. We do sincerely hope that we may have a good General Meeting, and that as many of our people and workers may be present as will be practicable.

THE workers at Karmatar are having their hands full of work. Sister Knight has the school work and grounds in charge. Sister Whiteis has the medical work and house work to care for. Sister Fleming is teaching the day school for the small children, visiting among the people and helping in the medical work. There is a great and good work to be done in this place, and we believe that from our Training School some trained workers for vernacular work will come forth. It is inspiring to work for these boys and girls.

A LADY who has lately commenced the observance of the Sabbath, writes the following:—

"I want to be up and doing something to show people on whose side I am.

I don't want to have to go back to the shop again, and of course, with my present views concerning the Sabbath, that is an impossibility."

THE Washington Fund which was mentioned in our last Eastern Tidings has reached Rs. 1,100. This is very encouraging. There is still opportunity to give. One of the three lacs to be raised has been collected, two more yet remain. Our people in all parts of the world are giving liberally to build up the work at Washington.

BROTHER Meyers writes encouragingly of the work in Burma. Our Burmese brethren have two tracts on present truth translated ready for the press. The subject of one is the "Law of God written in the Heart" and the other "The Second Coming of Christ."

ELDER Gates who is superintendent of our work in the Islands writes that a company of workers have just been sent to Singapore. Elder G. F. Jones will be the leading worker there.

BROTHER and Sister James have gone from Simla to Igatpuri and are taking a few weeks' very much needed rest. We are sorry to hear that Sister James's health is not good.

BROTHER Barlow writes that he has 18 boys in his school and others desire to come. They have come from surrounding villages; some of them a distance of twenty miles.

BRETHREN Votaw and Little with their wives were to have sailed from New York, October, en route to India.

J. L. S.

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"God's work calls for those who can endure hardness in meeting common-place experiences, and who will be as true in little things as in the great."