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## OFFERINGS.

God asks not only the tithe, but says we are to come to Him with tithes and offerings. Some will say that this was one of the rigorous laws binding upon the Hebrews. But it was not a burden to the willing heart that loved God. It is only when the selfish nature is made stronger by withholding that which God has given us that we might bless others, that we value earthly treasures above souls, above the blessings that are for the unselfish.

There are even more urgent necessities upon the Israel of God in these last days than were upon ancient Israel, for there is a great and important work to be accomplished in a very short time. God designed that the spirit of sacrifice should broaden and deepen for the closing work.

As followers of Christ we do not realize our true position. We do not have correct views of our responsibilities. We are stewards of our Lord, and the interests and prosperity of His cause should receive our first and best attention. In the balances of the sanctuary our gifts are not estimated according to the amount given, but according to the self-denial, prompted by love for Christ, that the gift has cost.

God will not have a forced benevolence, but one that is purely voluntary. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." The very best proof of our love for our dear Redeemer is to

make offerings of our time, strength, and means to bring other souls to Him. We are to love God with all our soul, heart, mind and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves.

Many have felt that the lot of the Israel of God was hard, because they were required to give the tithe and also make liberal offerings. An all-wise God knew what was best when He gave to His people the plan of systematic offerings. They found that when they tried to increase their possessions, by withholding from God their tithes and offerings, the effort was sure to be a failure.

When we humbly use what God has given us for the honor of the Giver, we may feel at all times the peace and assurance that God's hand is over us for good; for the treasure which is used to advance the cause of God, and which is given to the needy in Christ's name, is given to Christ, and He lays it up for us in heaven. Then we grow rich. There is no danger of loss nor poverty when one has everlasting riches in heaven's bank. Covetousness is idolatry; and it was to aid us in keeping the commandments that God originated the plan for tithes and offerings.

Free-will offerings of self-denial, made in faith and love to the Redeemer, will bring back blessings. Every act of liberality on the part of His saints is recorded in the books of heaven. We are to become like God. He gave all to save us.

In God's system of offerings He would impress upon the minds of His people that the Lord is the great Proprietor. He must have the first place in their minds. He would have them know their dependence on Him. David understood from whom came his bounties. Would that those of this day who rejoice in a Savior's love, could realize that their silver and gold, their time and strength, are the Lord's, and should be used to promote His glory, not grudgingly retained to gratify self.

God knows, and all who have had the experience know, that there is an elevated and permanent happiness

in giving willingly and freely to bless others, which those who spend all on self-gratification, or hoard for greed of gain, can never experience. It is to bless us, to make us happy and rich, that God asks us to adopt His plan of giving. The spirit of liberality is the spirit of heaven. Selfishness is the spirit of Satan.

Can Christians of today feel that God would have them give less than He asked of the Hebrews? Can those living right in the close of time be satisfied with their offerings, when not half so large as were those of the Jews? Christ's sacrificing love is revealed upon the cross. He gave all He had, even giving Himself, that man might be saved. The principle here illustrated is to give, give.

God in His wise plan has made the advancement of His cause dependent upon the personal efforts and free-will offerings of the people. By giving man the opportunity of becoming co-partner in the great plan of redemption, the Lord has placed a signal honor upon him, greater than has been conferred upon the angels. They would gladly do the work that God, in his love, has made it possible for man to do.

Some say, "We are tired of giving. It is the old cry, 'Give, give.'" If we are tired of giving, we should be tired of receiving for this is why God gives to us, that we may be channels through which his gifts may reach others, and we have the reward. As soon as we wish in our hearts that there would be no more calls to give, we virtually desire that the cause of God shall make no further progress, and that the gospel of the kingdom shall not be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, that the end may come.

As we near the end, the gospel will go with greater and yet greater rapidity. And opportunities will be given us to give more and more of the means of which the Lord has made us His stewards. In this God would have us act as His co-laborers. What a blessing to be a work-

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er and an heir with the world's Redeemer! If we suffer with Him, the promise is that we shall also reign with Him. As we hear the calls and demands being more and more urgently made for means to enter the many doors that are opening, we may know that the Lord's coming is nearing. Who would delay it by withholding for selfish gratification the means God has placed in our hands for this very work?

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

## THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

On Monday of this week the committee visited Boggstown, to view the proposed sites for the school. A plat of about twenty acres three miles from the town is offered free; another 15-acre plot, half a mile from the town, and another nice building site adjacent to the town.

The amount of money offered in addition to either of these sites is \$2,056. Besides this, the brethren will do all the hauling and will give work on the building. The church gave the committee a warm reception, and we had a meeting in the afternoon, in which the character of the school work was presented. The Lord was with us and helped us to feel the responsibility of this enterprise.

Tuesday we visited Maxwell to see the site which had been offered there. Maxwell offers a gift of twenty acres of land with a free lease of forty acres more as long as used for school purposes; second, a gift of thirty acres; third, a gift of twenty acres half a mile from town and \$500 cash.

We are considering these propositions, earnestly desiring that the Lord will locate the school where it ought to be. If any other church or individual has a location for the school, let it be reported to me soon.

We are now ready to accept contributions for the school work. Who will respond?  
I. J. HANKINS.

## DISCOURAGEMENT.

This has been a prominent word in the vocabulary of many Christians. This is especially true of those who are engaged in the canvassing work. For Satan opposes every effort made to get our publications in the homes of the people, and all the difficulties that come up in our way, that would tend to discouragement, are inspired by him. But all power is of God, and nothing can come to us in this life that He does not permit, and he will never permit anything that is not for our good. While Satan is seeking to discourage, God would direct our minds to the final result of courage. He would have us look to the consummation of our hope. He has presented the end of all earthly experiences and the result of all Christ's labor in our behalf in these precious words: "The cross challengeeth and will finally vanquish every earthly and hellish power. In the cross all influence centers, and from it all influence goeth forth. It is the great center of attraction, for on it Christ gave up his life for the human race. This sacrifice was offered for the purpose of restoring man to his original perfection; yea, more, it was offered to give him an entire transformation of character, making him more than a conqueror. Those who, in the strength of Christ, overcome the great enemy of God and man, will occupy a position in the heavenly courts above angels who have never fallen." God would have us keep this in mind and not get discouraged.

F. L. MOODY.

### Greenfield.

Eight weeks ago, Bro. Martin Dunn and wife were the only Adventists in Greenfield; they however, are of that loyal kind who are ever persevering for the advancement of the Gospel, and know no defeat. For many years he importuned the conference committee to send some laborers to Greenfield. "Give us a tent" was his cry. "We must have a camp-meeting" he would often say when the annual gatherings were spoken of. But somehow his Macedonian cry could not be answered until last fall, when Green-

field was favorably considered, and a camp-meeting held almost in the center of the town. As he fully expected, it had its desired effect, and a great interest was aroused among the thinking people of the city. The camp-meeting was followed by a tent meeting as all the readers of the Reporter are aware, and to-day Greenfield has almost a score of Sabbath-keepers. There is still a big interest, and some almost on the point of decision. The foundation of a new house of worship, 28x48 feet, has been laid, and a great deal of the timber for the erection is framed and on the ground, and nearly \$500 subscribed by the citizens for its completion. Evidently the Lord has blessed this work abundantly, and to Him be all the praise. This field is ripe unto the harvest, and now, *just now*, is the opportune moment to spread the message in this city with its 6,000 inhabitants. Our lot and building, when completed, will cost about \$1,200. More than half of this amount is accounted for, and while we would not leave the impression that this is an open letter for help, yet, on the other, we would say that if any one who is interested in the work here wishes to help in a most worthy cause, just send it along to either of the undersigned and it will be most thankfully received and used to further the work at this place, which has already been so well begun. Quite recently the Spirit of God has said that "Houses of worship should be erected, if possible, wherever companies are raised up." Those who know of the many companies that have been raised up in this State and left to perish, merely for the lack of care and attention, appreciate these words, and understand the great need of a meeting house. It is an old saying that "we never miss the water till the well runs dry," and so may it also be said that "we do not know the value of a place of worship until we have to do without one." Remember us in your prayers. Dedication about New Years. Watch for announcement and come.

S. G. HUNTINGTON.  
A. L. MILLER.

### Marion.

The Marion church held the Ingathering services last Sabbath, and everything passed off very pleasantly. The church presented a pleasing picture, especially after the children had taken their places. The program which was sent out a few weeks ago in the Reporter was used, also a part of the program in the

Youth's Instructor. Five minute addresses were made by a number of the brethren. Sister Waller talked to the children about the beautiful white chrysanthemums, and brought out quite forcibly the thought that as the color of the flowers indicated purity, so the children also must be pure in heart if they would see God. G. B. Turner used the evergreen for his subject: "we should be trees of righteousness," ever ready for the Master's service. Sister Clara Turner then read a lesson from the "Wood and Field" in rhyme. Donations \$3.96.

#### Hagerstown.

Our public meetings not being well attended, we discontinued them and commenced house to house work, holding a reading nearly every evening with some family, inviting some of the friends and neighbors. This has worked quite well. We now have invitations for several nights ahead. We also have a few meetings each week in the hall, with a moderate attendance. It seems that we can get as far as Ezekiel 33:31, but how to get them beyond this is what puzzles us. To show their kindly feelings they made us a nice donation. Only a few have thus far accepted the Sabbath; some hopeful cases are talking favorably of taking hold ere long. We shall continue to work as the Lord may direct. Friends, please pray for the success of our work.

J. S. and VIOLA SHROCK.

#### Two Churches Organized.

After the Greenfield camp meeting I went to Rocklane and took up the work which was begun there by the Boggstown brethren last winter. I went to work visiting, preaching and building. With the property which had been bought, and the blessing of our heavenly Father, we built a house of worship, 22 by 37 feet, with a school room 18 by 20 attached and so arranged that it opens into the auditorium by folding doors, making the room large and commodious. It is now ready for the inside finish, and is clear of debt. Here we organized a church of twelve members, and expect others to join soon. The church officers are: John Portman, elder; James Jones, deacon and treasurer; Nannie Alexander, clerk.

We also organized a church of eleven members at Pleasant View, with the following officers: Elder, N. C. Rodgers; deacon and treasurer, William Hubbard; clerk, Henry O. Tucker, postoffice, Moral, Shelby county. Before organizing we had baptism, at which I baptized six from Pleasant View and two from Rocklane. I am now holding a series of meetings at Pleasant View, and the prospects appear to be favorable.

I spent a few days at home, to get

ready for the winter's work. During this visit I had a discussion with a Campbellite, and judging from some expressions of our best citizens, the truth was successful on each proposition. I believe some good was accomplished. We ask all to pray for the work at Pleasant View and at Rocklane.

F. M. ROBERTS.

#### West Liberty.

Nov. 2d was a day long to be remembered by the church at West Liberty. As we engaged in the program prepared for the occasion, our hearts were made glad to see all present taking part in the exercises. We followed the program with the exception of some song services and music. The children took special interest in gathering bouquets from the fields and woods to decorate the church. We gave the children a talk on God in nature, using the objects before them. We had several visitors to help in the exercises, and we think all enjoyed the occasion. Our donations were liberal.

We have had good meetings at our place all summer, and we hope for still more of the refreshing showers from the Lord. I need your prayers that I may still be enabled to hold up the light of truth in this part of the State.

JOHN J. FELLOW.

#### Extracts from Canvassers.

H. C. CARMICHAEL, Marengo, Ind.— "I find the country very rough, but the people are very generous. I am living among my subscribers, and have more invitations to stop over night than I can at present fill."

HARRY L. APPLGATE, Carmel, Ind.— "At last I have started to canvass, and I expect to continue as long as the Lord leads. I praise Him for his goodness to me. It is my desire, by the help of the Lord to place many books in the homes of the people. I realize the fact that I cannot do this work in my own strength."

CORA JACKSON, South Bend, Ind.— "I have only canvassed ten hours altogether, and though the report is small, I have enjoyed the time thus spent very much, and received a rich blessing from the Lord in obeying the commandment, "Go work in my vineyard."

#### Notice.

Students who wish to enter Emmanuel Missionary college should take notice that the second half of the fall term begins Dec. 3. This is the earliest date of entrance for those who wish to work this fall. Make your arrangements early and be present on the day named. With the present plan of class work no one can afford to miss a day. New classes begin Dec. 3. For particulars address E. A. Sutherland, Berrien Springs, Mich.

## THE SANITARIUM.

We have now \$2,400 pledged toward the purchase of the Indianapolis Sanitarium. The members of the committee are not all in favor of taking over the institution, however, until the required funds are in sight. We therefore invite all who wish to see a Sanitarium established in this city to at once assist in raising \$2,500 more. Where are the five men who will give \$500 each?

## CANVASSERS' REPORT

BIBLE READINGS				
	Hrs.	Ord's	Val.	Helps.
B. H. Welch.....	102	18	36 25	32 79
H. C. Carmicheal	90	44	101 75	6 75
W. C. Well.....	36	17	15 75	5 25
R. H. Haxelton..	80	11	26 50	7 25

#### GREAT CONVERVRSY.

Mollie E. Keener.	64	7	20 75	9 90
Thos. F. Keener	65	11	23 75	3 70

#### MARVEL OF NATIONS.

J. C. Applegate.	90	11	16 00	13 75
H. C. Applegate.	116	17	22 00	9 00
Mrs. N. Boggs....	13	8	4 75	

#### COMING LING.

T. J. Clark.....	30	24	34 25	5 00
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#### HERALDS OF MORNING.

Ella Applegate..	55	6	7 50	2 50
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#### STEPS TO CHRIST.

Mrs. R. Carlson..	20	15	7 50	
Marcia Tibbets..	7	6	3 00	2 50
Ira C. Tibbets....	3	1	50	50

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Mary J. Darby....	23	19	7 00	2 50
J. S. Nelson.....	35	33	16 80	1 75
Mrs. M. Clark....	37		9 00	4 00
A. T. Light.....	35	1	3 00	5 50

#### CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS.

C. Mellinger.....	19	9	11 75	
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#### SUMMARY.

No. of agents reporting, 21; No. orders 242; value of orders \$439 00; helps \$112 55 total 531 55.

#### Appointments.

Muncie, Nov. 22, 24; Olivet Chapel, Nov. 26, 28; Kokomo, Nov. 29, Dec. 1. Elder Hankins expects to be with meat Kokomo, I will be pleased to have a full attendance of all the brethren and sisters. F. L. MOODY.

#### Notes.

Bro. M. E. McMeans, of Richmond, Ind., well known to most of the Indiana brethren, was married on Friday last, Nov. 15, to Miss Clarissa Harter, at the bride's home in Akron, Ind. All will join in wishes for the happiness for the newly wedded pair.

The Indianapolis Sabbath school held their Harvest Ingathering service Nov. the 9th. The church was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers. All parts were well executed. The music was very good. The collection amounted to \$20.00. The West-side Sabbath school held their exercises on Nov. 3. Their collections were over \$7.

## PRECIOUS.

How much the Lord does to encourage us to be faithful in our work. He has said, "In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."—Eccl. 11: 6. And He tells us to always abound in the work of the Lord for we know our labor is not in vain in the Lord.—1 Cor. 15: 58. But of lots, God has given us special encouragement to put forth an earnest, faithful effort to get our publications before others. He says: "The tidings of every successful effort *on our part* to dispel the darkness, and to diffuse the light and knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ, whom He hath sent, are borne upward. The act is presented before the heavenly intelligences, and thrills through all principalities and power, enlisting the sympathy of all heavenly beings."—Test., vol., 6, p. 316. This precious thought should thrill our own hearts and be a precious incentive to faithful services. We may be weak as far as the world is concerned, we may be unknown and unhonored by this world, but angels envy the privilege of the possibilities that are before us.

F. L. MOODY.

## OUR BOOKS IN THE SABBATH AND CHURCH SCHOOLS.

DEAR SABBATH-SCHOOL WORKER:

What can you do toward getting "Christ's Object Lessons" into the homes of our people? While this book is being used in connection with our Sabbath school lessons, there is an unusual opportunity to get it before the church and to influence each member to buy. Christ's Object Lessons is one of God's gifts to us. He has given this book to the educational work, and shall we not receive it? Everywhere it goes the cause of education will advance as never before.

Do you take the Training School Advocate? If not, send your name for a sample copy. This journal is sent forth to herald true education, and it ought to be in every home. Will you not help put it there?

A short time ago one of our church school teachers reported: "When I went to G— there was only one Review and Herald in the church; now

nearly every family takes the paper." How is it in your church, dear Sabbath-school worker? Have you more than one copy of the Review? What about the Instructor, Good Health, and Missionary Magazine? Are these in good circulation among you?

We now have a little time to work before Jesus comes. The Third Angel's message is sounding forth to all the world, the fields are already white to harvest, and it is nearly time for the One who holds the sickle to put it in and reap. From every quarter is the cry, "Come over and help us," but so few respond. Shall not we then, who are at home, double our efforts to scatter these silent messengers—our papers and books—and thus hasten the Master's return? Do what you can for the Sabbath school. We trust that this year will see the work advance as never before. If possible, write to me concerning your experience in Sabbath school work. I shall be glad to answer you. May the Lord bless every effort that you put forth, and keep you safe till He come.

GRACE E. AMADON.

## Circulate Our Health Journals.

No work is more important than the circulation of our health journals. "The people are in need of the light shining from the pages of our health and temperance journals. God desires those journals as mediums through which flashes of light shall arrest the attention of the people, and cause them to heed the warning of the message of the third angel. Our health journals are instrumentalities in the field to do special work in disseminating the light which the inhabitants of the world must have in this day of God's preparation. They wield an untold influence in the interest of health and temperance and of social purity reform, and will accomplish great good in presenting those subjects in a proper manner and in their true light to the people."—Review and Herald, Nov. 12, 1901.

The following are a few of the topics considered in the Midwinter number of Good Health Magazine:

Deleterious Effects of the Uses of Tea, Coffee, Meat and Alcohol upon the System; Water as a Remedial Agent in the Treatment of Diseases; Advance Grounds on the Question of Diet; Electric Therapeutics; Brief History of Hydrotherapy;

Some Simple Methods Accessible to Everyone for the Relief of Pain; Food Value of Alcohol; Child Culture; Physical Culture; Wholesome Merrymaking; Diseases of Children common in winter.

The articles are strong, clear and pointed, and should be read by everyone. The Midwinter number of the magazine should be in every home in your neighborhood. It will interest doctors, lawyers, teachers, bankers and business men. It is a missionary number, and it will be real missionary work to place it in the hands of your neighbors and friends. "The circulation of our health journals will be a powerful agency in the preparation of the people to accept those special truths that are to fit them for the soon coming of the Son of man."—Review and Herald, Nov. 12, 1901.

Please send in your order at once either to your tract society, or to Good Health Publishing Company. Price 10 cents per single copy, ten or more copies to one address, 5 cents each.

## Canvassing Work for October.

I am glad to report that the canvassing work is coming up. The orders reported amount to \$1,000.00. This a great improvement over Sept. Bro. Carmichael took \$211.00 worth of orders for Oct., and that now in a hill country, where the drouth was was most severe. Other canvassers have taken a goodly number of orders. Some new ones are just taking up the work and others are preparing to do so, and yet there is room for many more. Many of the large cities in the State have not been entered with our publications. Are there not others who will prepare for the canvassing work?

F. L. MOODY.

## OBITUARY.

BONE—Thomas, father of Bro. Ross Bone, died Oct. 24, aged 77 years, 8 months and 14 days. He leaves a wife and 5 children, together with other relatives and friends to mourn their loss; but they sorrow not as those who have no hope; for, although he was not a member of our church, he preferred to be at peace with God. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from H-brews 9: 27-28 to a large company of relatives and friends. F. M. ROBERTS.