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ARE YOU DOERS OF THE WORD?

Dear brethren and sisters, knowing that we are mutually interested in the cause of the Lord, I write you concerning its progress. It is by thinking on the Lord's work, and exchanging ideas relative to it, that our interests are increased in its advancement.

There are financial considerations connected with the upbuilding of this cause which must receive especial attention at our hands. Our own good, and the good of the whole precious cause, are very materially affected by this question according to the manner in which we deal with it.

In speaking of this the Lord says: "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:6, 7. We get good from the good which we do. In helping others, we are also helped.

The obligation of tithing, so strongly enjoined, bears within itself the fragrance of divine favor. But if the tithe is withheld from the cause of Christ it becomes a curse to the one who retains it. The Lord's burning words, through the prophet Malachi, should be forcibly impressed upon every soul. He does not speak in vain when He says: "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 said, wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. Yet ye say, wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. 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." Mal. 3:7-11.

The charge against us is that we have robbed God in tithes and offerings. And yet we seem to think we have done nothing wrong. We say to the Lord, "wherein have we robbed Thee?" The very question implies that we do not confess the sin to which the Lord calls our attention. We long for the blessing promised in connection with the obedience required, but do not allow ourselves to stand up nobly and learn that which indicated in the lesson enjoined. What sin has been committed? God has been robbed. Who did it? Those who claim to be His children. When? From the days of the fathers until now, Are those who claim to be giving the last message of mercy to the world doing this? Yes, they too are guilty. Of what has the Lord been robbed? Tithes and offerings. Probably not every one is guilty, but somebody has stolen the funds which the Lord intended to use in sending the gospel to the world. The money that was to have paid the traveling expenses of missionaries to different parts of the earth, and to have supported them there, while they made known Jesus to our benighted brethren in heavenly lands, has been taken. Money, too, has been retained which should have gone into the Lord's treasury in our Conferences. A thousand million of our heathen brethren know not of the blessed Saviour. They are sleeping in their sins, and must soon perish in this lamentable condition unless we go to their rescue.

Our Father in heaven cries out that He is robbed of His sacred funds, and calls upon us to return that which we have taken from Him. Please to consider well the charge that he makes against us. Not only is the tithe taken and appropriated by us, but the offerings which have been sanctified unto the Lord, are also used by ourselves.

There are specified offerings, such as the first fruits, the free-will offerings, thank offerings, etc., etc., which

should be turned into the treasury or storehouse of the Lord. Let us inform ourselves on these matters, and perform the thing which is required without waiting longer. One writer has said of the present situation, "God's people are on trial before the heavenly universe; but the scantiness of their gifts and offerings, and the feebleness of their efforts in God's service, mark them as unfaithful. If the little that is now accomplished were the best they could do, they would not be under condemnation, but with their resources they could do much more. They know, and the world knows, that they have to a great degree lost the spirit of self-denial and cross bearing." Test. Vol. 6, pp. 445-6.

Our people will sometime come up to the help of the Lord, and make it possible to do that which has been called for so long. Shall the cherished desires for a complete work be realized so soon? Shall the angels bear the welcome news up to heaven that a whole people has been found who are full of faith? WM. COVERT.

OBJECT LESSONS

The most favorable time of the year to study Object Lessons is the present. Every day should be well improved. Let leaders of districts push the work. Every church elder should be active in this campaign. Every church member should do his part without delay. Can't we finish the work before Christmas? Let us try, let us begin at once. I. J. H.

Elds. J. S. Shrock and J. C. Harris are working on the new school buildings.

Money is needed now to buy material for the new buildings at Boggs-town.

I trust every believer in Indiana will become responsible for four Object Lessons, or more, and pay in the cash for them before the end of this year.

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The state agent is in the field and will be the greater part of this year hence let all who write him address same to his home. Address 616 E. Lincoln St., Greenfield, Ind., where his mail will be forwarded to him.

Sister Mollie Keener, of Anderson who has been hindered in her canvassing work for awhile because of a lameness in her back, at this writing is able to work again.

Our tracts "Proving Israel" for free distribution, will be along presently and we will circulate through our correspondence as fast as possible.

What will unify and revise our churches? Do we need ministerial help? Will a revival bring about what is needed so that the result will be permanent? What has been the past records? What will make us more tenderhearted, our thoughts more spiritual, and our service more Christ like? Ans. Every member of every family of every church, even the children selling Christ's Object Lessons saith the Lord. Study the testimonies on the sale of this book and see. Let all our people do their part in this work and then experience what they have been wishing for. Come now, why not?

Mabel, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Fahrion, of Indianapolis, was buried 18th, inst.

Sister Fahrion has the sympathy of her many friends. Death cannot pluck these little ones out of the Master's hand.

OUR OFFERINGS FOR MISSIONS

Envelopes for the weekly offerings have been supplied to all our churches, as far as we have had calls direct from the church, or have been requested to send them by the State officers. We want to urge that not a single envelope be wasted. Let them be used faithfully and regularly. Put some offering into the envelope each week, however small.

Can we say it is too much to remember our missions each week? The needs of our workers in the home field are liberally provided for from the tithe, a regular income, while our missionaries in regions far more densely populated, with scarcely any facilities for work, and much more work to do, must depend upon our offerings, only too frequently given irregularly. Has the time not come to have a regular income for this most important phrase of the work?

If every one in our churches will now plan to give regularly to this fund, our offerings for missions will be increased at least threefold. An average of even ten cents a week from every Sabbath-keeper would bring in four times as much as we are now receiving, and mean a continual inflow into the treasury of one thousand dollars a day.

To accomplish this, none who are now giving should give less, but those who are not doing anything,

or at most, very little, should take hold with a determination to support this work until the world has been warned and the Master has said, "It is finished." If the gift is only a penny but represents the widow's mite—"all her living"—the blessing of Jesus will go with it; for he still sits over against the treasury, noting the spirit with which we return to him of bounties we enjoy at his hand.

Now as never before, if we share in this work until its final triumph, the one all-absorbing passion of our lives must be to give this message quickly to all the world; for not until then will Jesus come.

Intensity is taking possession of every earthly element. On every hand we see evidences that the final destruction of all things is at hand. But thank the Lord his people are falling into line, ready to obey his marching orders, "Go forward." Let us take heed lest we be left behind.

MISSION BOARD.

TO OUR MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

Dear Secretaries and Others: Thinking you might care to know how many missionary reports were returned for the quarter ending September 30th, I now mention the fact we find eight reports returned to the State Secretary. This is a sad commentary, when we know that there are more than seventy churches and companies in the Indiana Conference. We know that blanks were sent out to most of the churches. In many instances we could not send blanks to the church librarians, and it may be that, others receiving them, have failed to place them in the librarian's hands. We regret that returns are so meagre that should we attempt a report for statistical purposes we would fail utterly.

The duties of the State Missionary Secretary are now of such a nature and volume in our conference that he can not possibly do personal work for the local societies, and until matters are so arranged that your State Secretary can be such in fact as well as in name, most of our missionary societies will cripple along in missionary efforts and business affairs in a way indicating that they have ceased to exist. W. C. McCUAIG, Sec'y.

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BOOK WORK

DEAR BRETHREN: I am happy in the Lord, and trying to let my light shine into benighted souls. I was privileged to attend two meetings with the 'Evangelical denomination' last week, and sold several books to the members with whom I got acquainted at the meeting. Three souls accepted Christ while I was attending these meetings. They seemed to appreciate my help so much especially the preacher. He wrung my hand and asked me to come again at each meeting. They seem to be quite a devoted people. Oh that the Lord may use me to show them the Present Truth! Yours in Christ. G. G. DAVIS.

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"TRY, TRY AGAIN"

The lesson taught us in our early school days was, "if you do not at first succeed, try, try again." How many times, when wishing to inspire others on to success and final victory, we would quote to them the above words, "try, try again." We find in these words a principle which, if heeded, will bring victory to almost every undertaking. This principle prompts the school boy to master his lessons, the farmer, merchant and lawyer to succeed in his business.

This principle is also equally applicable to the christian warfare, and will enable the individual to be an overcomer and obtain the crown of life. In this warfare the Lord calls upon us to spread the gospel to "every kindred, nation, tongue and people." Furthermore, He has of late been calling upon us to do a part of this work in selling a specified number of Christ's Object Lessons.

We, as a people, have twice responded to that call, and for the effort put forth have done quite well, and the Lord has commended us for it. Yet we have not completed the work, but are rallying to the third call. Will it not be the last one? It will if we make up our minds to complete the work. This work can all be done in one week. Are you sure? Yes, I have demonstrated it. What the Lord will do for me He will do for others. Last week, working no more than one day in actual time, I took five orders for Object Lessons. You see, if we mean business, the work can be completed in one week. So let us work with a will, and by the first of the year this part of the work will be done. A. L. MILLER.

FROM THE FIELD

ANDERSON

Some three or four months have elapsed since I first took up the work at this place. I found the little company here very much discouraged and greatly in need of help. Since the death of their elder, Bro. Fairfield, which occurred several years ago, the church here has gradually gone down; some of the members have moved away, a few have died, and several have apostatized. Their public place of meeting was given up, and for a time no regular meetings were held. At the time of my taking up the work here meetings were being held in a private house, and every public avenue or place seemingly closed up against us. In taking up the work under such circumstances and conditions, it has necessarily moved slow. But it does us good sometimes when mountains and obstacles surround us, to stand still and see the Lord work for the deliverance of His people. We are glad to report that deliverance has come, and the work here at the present time is very encouraging. The church has been reorganized, new officers have been elected, and those that have had their names on the church book and have apostatized have been disfellowshipped. Four new ones have united with the church; others intend to do so. Bible readings are being held with the people and a number are interested. We have at the present time a nice public place in which to hold our Sabbath services—the G. A. R. hall. This hall is centrally located, nicely furnished with carpet, piano, etc. Our attendance ranges from 35 to 45. A number of very nice people from the city are attending our Sabbath services. One of our Sabbath school scholars leaves this week for the Boggs town Industrial School. We are also planning to send a box filled with necessaries for the school with her. We expect to sell our quota of Object Lessons, and are getting out a neat card with the necessary information upon it that will make the work easy and greatly help our company in doing it. We are of good courage in the work and are pressing on to victory.

P. G. STANLEY.

BROOKVILLE

It has been some time since we have written to the Reporter but we have not been idle. This is a hard field being a Catholic stronghold the work went hard for a while but the Lord has greatly blessed us in selling books visiting and holding Bible readings. There is a good interest being awakened to hear more of the truth.

This is a summary of our work for November. We sold 7 Object Lessons for cash and took 11 more orders, sold 7 Steps to Christ and 12 of His Glorious Appearing. Anna, our little girl, has sold and taken orders for 20 Best Stories, and 9 for The House We Live In. This is a book that should be in every S. D. Adventist's family and should be used by those engaged in medical missionary work. It will strike telling blows for the cause of temperance and health reforms.

We have also taken 9 yearly subscriptions for the Life Boat, and sold 25 copies of the November number.

The greatest blessing comes to us in working in harmony with the spirit of God, in selling Christ's Object Lessons. Those of our people that have not engaged in this work are losing this great blessing and should feel alarmed concerning their future destiny. (See Object Lessons, page 363.)

Elder Gilbert, the Lutheran minister took, His Glorious Appearing and is now preaching a series of sermons from it on the coming of Christ and the end of the world. We think this minister will finally embrace the whole truth. We have sold 4 Object Lessons and 1 Glorious Appearing to members of his congregation.

"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds," therefore we are of good courage in the Lord.

R. H. SPARKS.
EMMA SPARKS.

ONE MONTH GONE

The first month of the Boggstown school is in the past. The work is progressing favorably. Twenty-four students are now enrolled, twelve in the home, and twelve day scholars.

The expenses for the month shared alike by the home students is \$1.50 each, per week, not including tuition.

Liberal donations of fruits and vegetables have made the board this reasonable. We have a promising

class of students, those who show a real interest in the school, and are willing to assist by personal sacrifice to make it a success.

Some of the boys are working a few hours each day on the school building, and also making furniture for the home and school. We want to assure the friends of this enterprise that teachers and students are working together in an economical a manner as possible,

We will soon reach the bottom of our purse however, and unless pledges are paid and other liberal donations come in, we shall soon have to stop the work on the building. We are trusting in the liberality of our brethren, believing that the Lord will teach each one his duty in this important work.

Money is valuable only as it contributes or aids in the spread of truth. We need more than \$1,000 beyond present pledges to keep the work moving till Jan. 1, 1903. Let those who have been impressed to contribute from their bountiful crops, do so at once. We have been expecting some \$100, \$300 and \$500 donations. We need the money now. Who will remember our school as that which lies nearest our people at this time?

Please, brethren, send in your contributions at once for we all want to see the school buildings completed as soon as possible. I. J. HANKINS.

TEN RULES FOR KILLING A CHURCH SCHOOL

1. Neglect to pray for the school.
2. Do not assist the school financially; the gospel is free.
3. Never visit the school, or if you do make your report as unfavorable as possible.
4. See that no close union exists between the school board and the teacher. Rather have him feel that the board are critics instead of friends.
5. Let the parents make it a point to talk over all the weak points they see in the work of the teacher, and be sure to have the children present.
6. Never speak a word of encouragement to the teacher it might make him vain.
7. If there are defects, real or imaginary, in the teacher, do not mention them to him, but be sure to tell them to the patrons of the school; they should know about them of course.
8. When any real difficulties are encountered, get discouraged. Accept

this as certain evidence that the school work is a failure, and not in the order of the Lord. Do not pray any.

9. Never for a moment suppose that you can do anything to assist in the work. The board and the teacher should be able to run the school.

10. If at any time the teacher finds it necessary to discipline your children, be sure and make a stir about it; for your children are good and do not need any correction. Afterward treat the teacher coolly at prayer meeting and on Sabbaths.

If the above rules are faithfully carried out, the church school work will, in all probability, be a failure in your church, and some, if not all, of the church's flock of children go to ruin. Read Phil. 4:8. G. B. THOMPSON,
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