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GOD'S BEAUTIFUL PLAN.

If all the tithes were in the storehouse,
That belongeth to our King;
If all those who share God's bounties,
All their tithes would quickly bring;
Heaven's windows wide would open,
At the word of his command,
And blessings then could be poured out,
Which would overflow the land.

If the tithes were in the storehouse,
It would not be very long
Till the weary hearts now crying,
Would be shouting Zion's song,
The "thirsty land" would then rejoice
And the "waiting Isles" would sing;
If all the tithes were quickly brought,
That belongeth to our King.

Darkened hearts would soon be lightened
With God's message from above,
And thousands now in heathen lands
Would rejoice in heaven's love,
Come, ye stewards; haste, get ready!
All your tithes and offerings bring;
Soon your answer as a steward,
To your quick returning King.

A. T. Robinson.

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LIBERTY.

The fourth number of LIBERTY, now ready, completes the first year of this new magazine. As to age, it is a mere babe, but in influence and power it has proven to be a giant. Its average circulation during the nine months it has been published reaches nearly 50,000 copies per issue. No doubt, it will have a circulation of 100,000 copies before the close of its second year.

The fourth number of LIBERTY, while it reveals improvement along religious liberty lines in foreign countries, it presents conclusive evidence that the pagan and papal philosophy of union of church and state, is rapidly growing in favor in the United States. The special message for this time is, therefore, "Proclaim liberty to the captives." Let the people understand that the spirit of the gospel is opposed to bondage of any kind, and has no part in religious coercion; that God has left every man free to choose or reject divine government; that the right to believe and to worship includes the equal right not to believe and to refuse to worship; that religious freedom is heaven-born,--a gift of God, and does not admit enforced observances.

The fundamental principles of religious liberty upon which the foundation of this nation was built, is being eclipsed by the philosophy and sophistry of National Reformism, and those who are heaven-favored with a clear conception of the only worship and service acceptable to God, have resting upon them a binding obligation to impart this knowledge to those about them. A mighty struggle between truth and error is upon this nation. The issue is clearly drawn, and its culmination is not far in the future.

Let all the readers of the NEWS SHEET ponder the present crisis and arrange to do their full duty in disseminating the gems of truth associated with the gospel of liberty. Send for a liberal supply of the magazine and sell them in your community. The people will buy them readily if properly presented to them. They are interested. This

is a live, interesting issue in which all intelligent people are more interested than appears upon the surface.

LIBERTY is a quarterly magazine of 32 pages. The subscription price is only 25 cents a year, or 25 or more copies in one order to once address, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents a copy. The retail price is five cents a copy. Order through the Tract Society.

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COPPERS FOR THE COPPER COUNTRY.

Last week a letter was sent out by the Educational Secretary to all the Sabbath-school superintendents, Young People's Society leaders, church school teachers, isolated Sabbath keepers, and individual young people in the North Michigan Conference. This letter sets forth the plan of the Young People's Campaign which is just being launched in the Lake Union Conference. It is, in brief, as follows:

There are forty thousand Finns located in the Copper Country of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan and very little has been done to get the Third Angel's Message before them. They are an industrious, well educated, and a church loving people and something should be done to bring to them a knowledge of the soon coming Saviour and the kindred truths we all love.

The plan just devised to accomplish this work is to raise one and one-fourth miles of copper pennies, laid side by side. There are sixteen pennies in a foot, forty-eight in a yard, and two hundred sixty-four in a rod, and it will be necessary for all to subscribe for as many feet, yards, and rods of these pennies as they possibly can.

Not only will the North Michigan Conference engage in this Young People's Campaign of raising "Coppers for the Copper Country" but the young people of the other conferences in Lake Union will also push this enterprise. This is indeed an encouragement to all in this conference and all should do their best to make this campaign a success.

It has been recommended that our young people earn the money they subscribe to this fund. This they can do by selling our periodicals and books and thus a two-fold missionary work will be carried on.

The actual work of the campaign will begin March 18th. Each person engaging in the campaign should pay the money to the church treasurer, or if one does not live near a church, it can be sent to the Tract Society at Petoskey. All should be sure to get a receipt for the money and this receipt should be sent to Miss Myrta M. Kellogg, the Educational Secretary, so that definite information may be had concerning the progress of the work.

Anyone desiring further information concerning this campaign can write Sister Kellogg at Le Roy and she will be glad to correspond with them.

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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EDUCATION.

How many there are who say, "I would like to be a worker in the Lord's vineyard but I have no education," and when asked why they do not get the education usually attribute it to lack of means with which to go thru school.

Understanding the situation in which many of our young people are placed, a plan has been devised whereby they can not only go to school but also get a grand experience in missionary work that will be a great help to them in any work they care to take up for the Lord.

The plan is simple and many who have tried it are anxious to try it again. By selling one hundred fifty dollars worth of our subscription books and turning this amount into the Tract Society, a scholarship can be secured at either Cedar Lake or Berrien Springs. This will cover the tuition, board, and room expense, and it is a wonderful opportunity for a person, who has a love for the message and faith in God's promises, to get a training for service.

One brother who spent the vacation canvassing thinks that is the best part of his

education. Some who tried this plan last summer and are now in school write that they appreciate the school much better after their experience in canvassing.

While this is a great opportunity to the canvasser, think of the number who, by this means, would have their attention called to the fact that Jesus is soon coming. As a result of the efforts put forth by our faithful canvassers, and others using the printed page, many are now rejoicing in the truth.

Are there not many in the conference who would like to take up this work, not only to earn a scholarship, but to help finish the work and hasten the coming of our Saviour? A few days spent at the Institute, studying the book and the principles of canvassing, will be a great assistance to the one taking up this work. The Institute will be held at Petoskey beginning the 19th of April. ARE YOU COMING?

H. W. Johnson.

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Sister Bessie L. Hankins writes from China that in one place where they thought no seed had been sown, one little tract had dropped, and it has already resulted in the conversion of between twenty and thirty.

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Cryderman,- Sister Charlotte Cryderman was born in 1830 in Erie Co., N. Y., and died March 6, 1907, at her home in Petoskey. She married Michael Cryderman in Canada in 1846 and they came to New York State in 1855 settling in Erie Co. They came to Michigan in 1858 locating in Ottawa Co., finally coming to Petoskey in 1881.

Sister Cryderman was a firm believer in the truths held by this denomination and had been ever since its organization. She will be greatly missed in the Petoskey church of which she was a member.

She leaves six children, one brother, and many friends to mourn their loss.

Funeral services were held at the Adventist church in Petoskey, March 8th, and we laid her to rest to await the Life-giver.

S. E. Wight.

A VALUABLE BANK NOTE.

(Phil. 4:19)

"My God, (the Banker's name), shall supply (I promise to pay), all your need (the amount), according to his riches (the capital of the bank), in glory (the location of the bank), by Jesus Christ," (the Cashier's name, without which it would be worthless.).

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C O N V E N T I O N N O T E S.

According to appointment the Educational Convention met at Frankfort Feb. 23 and 24 with a good representation of people in that vicinity. The meeting was intensely interesting from beginning to end. Good attention was given to the topics under consideration. Many people in the church put themselves on record as being in favor of church school work by pledging their support to the same. Sunday evening Elder W. D. Curtis gave a lecture on his travels in the South Sea Islands. The people were held until a late hour and none were tired of listening to his interesting talk.

At Traverse City we only had one evening and a day to devote to Convention work, so several topics could not be considered and the discussions were cut short, but there was a great interest in the work for this time. It was decided by the church there to

elect a school board and conduct a church school the coming year. Several subscribed to the support of the school so that they already have nearly enough to begin the school. Others, who were not present at the meeting, expect to help the school, so it is thought that a sufficient amount of money can be easily raised.

The night after the Sabbath, Miss Kellogg, Elder Curtis, and myself went to Alden where we were met by the reception committee. The Leetsville church united with the brethren and sisters in this convention and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The brethren here are all in harmony with the church school and wish to continue it as long as there is anyone in their midst to be educated for service in the Third Angel's Message.

A convention was held at Cadillac Sabbath and Sunday, March 9 and 10, but we are unable to give a report of it at this time.

S. E. Wight.

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An artist was once asked to paint a backslidden church. He put onto the canvass a beautiful church edifice, with a cobweb over the hole in the box at the entrance marked, "Contributions to Missions".

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The following slightly damaged books in stock at the Tract Society office will be delivered by mail at our expense to any desiring them when cash accompanies the order:

- 1 English Great Controversy, library, \$1.95.
- 1 Modern Spiritualism, cloth, 25¢.
- 1 German Christ Object Lessons, 90¢.
- 1 English Christ's Object Lessons, 75¢.
- 3 Practical Lessons, 70¢ each,
- 1 Life of Bates, 35¢.

This gives a rare opportunity to add to one's library these choice volumes which are practically as good as new. Send early so that you will not be disappointed by finding that they are already sold.

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AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE SOUTHERN FIELD.

Up to February 26, \$29,170.89 had been received at the treasury department of the General Conference on the \$150,000 Fund. This leaves (providing no specifications with offerings has been made for other enterprises included in the fund), \$20,829.11 still to be raised to complete the first \$50,000, which goes to establish the work in the Southern States. No doubt there is quite a sum in the hands of the treasurers on its way to the general office here, but evidently there will be opportunity still to help directly the work in the Southern States, by donating to the \$150,000 Fund, when these few lines are read.

The Lord has sent, through His delegated servant, many messages regarding the importance of taking hold immediately to put the work upon vantage ground in this long-neglected field. The conditions there are growing more and more difficult as time passes, because of the two nationalities populating the South. This message is due every tongue and people. We have a work to do among all nations, and consequently, while recognizing existing customs, we can not, through sentiment or certain caste, set aside any people as unworthy to receive this last message of mercy and warning. We have no

time to lose. Already the work has been made very difficult, indeed, by our hesitancy-- just as the Lord said it would be. However, much can still be done if this \$50,000 is quickly put in the hands of the brethren in charge of the work.

T. W. Bowen.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

Have you renewed your subscription to the NEWS SHEET?

One has accepted the truth under the labors of Elder W. R. Matthews at Tustin.

March 3rd Elder O. Montgomery spoke in the Masonic Temple at Hancock.

The Sabbath-school Quarterlies are now ready. Your order should be sent in at once.

True Education Reader No. 3 is now ready. Order of the Tract Society.

Elder C. A. Hansen has located at Howard City. He expects to take up work for the West Michigan Conference soon.

Elder Geo. G. Johnson has had excellent success selling Swedish "Life of Christ" in Ishpeming. He sold thirty-four of these books in two days. He has also disposed of many tracts and smaller publications.

Blanks were recently sent out to the clerks of churches and leaders of companies to be filled out and returned to the Secretary of the conference. Some of these have been returned but there are a number which have not been sent in.

For Sale: One team of horses weight about 2800 lbs., 5 and 8 years old, both bay in color. Price \$400. Also one team of horses for sale, weight about 2800 lbs., 10 and 11 years old, one bay and one sorrel. Price \$300.

For further particulars address with stamp W. J. Barrett, Box 74, Onaway, Mich.

Elder W. D. Curtis, Lake Union Conference Educational Secretary, delivered a lecture in the church at Petoskey, Wednesday evening, March 6th, on his work and travels in the South Sea Islands. There was a good attendance, many coming in from the other churches in the city. All were interested in his work and experiences in that field.

We were glad to have a few day's visit with Brother J. O. Stedman of Laurium while on his way to the southern part of the state. He left Petoskey the 10th for Muskegon where he will visit his nieces.

The little company at Clare seems to be progressing. One of our canvassers there has been taking a number of orders for our books and the whole company have been working with the SIGNS. The brethren there are planning to have a church school. There are between seven and fifteen children to attend if such a school is established. We are glad to see the work growing in this place and trust that many more will take their stand for the truth.

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Factions in the church soon reduce it to factions.-- Ram's Horn.

"The best Labor Union is when men work together with God."

NOTICE: Would you like a farm or saw mill near a church and church school? Send stamps for particulars to S. E. Wight, Petoskey, Mich.