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"What's done for earth fails by and by, What's done for God can never die."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON TITHING .

What is moant by tithing?

Ans. To give one-tenth of what you earn to the support of the ministry. See Nuti. 18:20-21. Lov. 27:30

Is it not right for me to give part of my tithe in the Sabbauh-school or church collection?

Ans. Certainly not, any more than it is right to keep Sabbath on Sunday. All money should go through the proper channels.

What shall I do if my husband is not in the truth!

Ans. Give what you can. Any reascrable man wants his wife to give some thing to her church, and then perhaps you can earn money of your own by gardening, sewing, etc. which you can give as tithe.

Can we be sure that it pays financially to pay tithe? Ans. Most assuredly so. God can bless the nine-tenths and make it reach further than the ten-tenths could without God's blessing.

What happens when we don't pay an honest tithe? Ans. Haggai 1:9-10. "Ye looked for much and lot it come to little and when ys brought it home I did blow upon it . . . therefore the heavon over you is stayed from dew and the earth stayed from her fruit."

In what ways may the ,loss come to an individual? Ans. Through poor crops, disease and sickness, loss of spirituality, despondency, and many other ways.

When should we begin to pay tithe?

Ans. NOW is the best time. Children should be taught to give, thus the purse strings will never be drawn so tight. When people gaget used to giving they like Yes, they really get to believe that "it is more blessed to give than to to give. receive."

How can we assure ourselves that these things are so? Ans. Mal. 3:10. "Prove me now herewith 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." It always pays to be right and do right. Of course it will pay.

C. A. Harsen.

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When the Lord called Jeremiah to act as his mouth- piece in the days of Jehoiakim, king of Israel, Baruch was chosen to write the words of the Lord by the prophet; and this at a time when one took his own life in his hands, if he delivered the message of warning sent from the Lord. But Baruch, in addition to writing faithfully, because the prophet was shut up in prison, road the words of the prophet, for it is said of him: "And Baruch did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the Lord in the house of the Lord." Jers 36:8. Jeremiah, like Moses, was a faithful man, and he did not hositate to deliver the message from God; but his message, as a warning to the people, would have failed, had it not been for the faithful character of Baruch, his assistant. And no doubt he remembered that it was written concerning Aaron and Mirian, that "the anger of the Lord was kindled against thems." Is the Lord less displeased with those that to-day prove unworthy?

In this connection it may be well to review the case of the rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, and the two hundred fifty princes. Numbers 16:1. It will be observed that a part of this company were of the tribe of Levi,

which had been chosen by the Lord for the priesthood; and of the family of Kohath, which family had been assigned to the most responsible position connected with the priesthood, next to Aaron and his sons, namely: to have charge of the holy things of the sanctuary --"the table, the candlestick, the altars, and all the vessels of the sanctuary." Some of the leaders were of the tribe of Reuben, but the rank and file of the company were men of renown in the various tribes. These rose up against Moses and Aaron, and said, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy." The wickedness of this charge will appear as we recall the unwillingness of Moses in the beginning to assume rosponsibility; and like all true children of God, he was conscious of his own inability without the presence of God. And as we have seen, he welcomed the sharing of responsibility, when it became clear to him that this was the mind of Jehovah, and of the spirit-But this company of men, some of whom already held high poually-minded of Israel. sitions, had not attained to the height of their ambition. Those not of the family of the priesthood evidently sympathized with the aspirants for the highpriesthood, and all failed to recognize the hand of God in the elevation of Moses and Aaron to the offices of truth which they occupied; and they went about the work of deposing them, in order that they themselves might be honored with their positions, as men of the world contend They seemed unmindful of the fact that, when for what they regard honorable positions. They seemed unmindful of the fact that, when the people murmured on a former occasion, Moses besought the Lord to relieve him of some of the responsibility, and still further to divide it with others, at which time the seventy elders were selected; and also the Lord put his spirit upon the seventy and they prophesied. Some of these were in the camp at the time, and when Moses was called upon by certain men to rebuke them, because they were envious for him, he said, "Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, "thus revealing the spirit of Christ in him, and the longing desire for the salvation of all men of Israel, and that they might stand where the Lord might pour out his spirit upon them, in like manner as he had upon those whom he had choson. But Moses well knew that this was not the case, notwithstanding the declaration of the princes, "All the congregation are holy, every one of them." Nor is the language of Moses to be taken as indicating that he understood it to be the plan of Jehovah to bestow upon all his children indiscriminately the spirit of prophecy.

The fact that the Lord, for the first time being, to indicate to all Israel the reliability of these men, put on them the spirit of prophecy, does not argue that God designs to bestow the same gift upon all members of his church. The Lord had clear ly indicated that in general the gift of prophecy was bestowed upon the few especially qualified. He had said, "If there be a prophet along you, I the Lord will make mysel' known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream."

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(To be continued)

THE ORPHANS AND AGED .

"For the poor shall nover cease out of the land; therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land." Deut. 15:11.

The instruction here given to Israel is as applicable to-day as then, and the first Sabbath in April has been set apart as the day for a collection to be taken for our aged poor and orphans. You will remember that this collection used to ge to the Haskell Home and the James White Memorial Home, but inasmuch as these institutions are not now managed by our denomination, iit has been decided that we keep this collection for the local work in our own conference. The Lord says He "lovenh a cheerful giver", and as this fund is in need of means at this time we trust a liberal collection will be taken throughout the conference the first Sabbath in April.

C. A. Hansen.

CLARENCE CHUNCH .

Dearly beloved Brethren,-

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Having seen no report from the Clarence Church, and being much interested in that body, I an writing to inform you that we are still live the we have been keeping quiet for some time. However, we realize that the Lord is here and that there is a work being done for Him. We have one new Sabbath keeper here and a prospect of more. We are truly grateful for this.

On Sabbath, Feb. 22d, Brother T. W. Starkey and I went to Temple, in answer to a call, and organized a Sabbath-school of fifteen memoers, with good prospects of more members in the future. We could see that the Spirit of the living God had been at work in this place. It seems only necessary for the truth to be carefully taught here and good results will follow. God was surely in the meeting and our prayer is that He will touch the hearts of the people and make this a good school. The writer was chosen to conduct the school and Brother Starkey will act as secretary for a few weeks until they become established.

Pruy for us and the work at Temple that God will abundantly bless His work and that souls may be brought into the Kingdom.

Yours for service,

Henry Hoover.

THEIANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE .

It is with great interest that I read the reports of the work and workers at home in the NEWS SHEET, and thinking you would be interested in this part of the vineyard, I write a short report of the work here.

We are thankful for the privilege of having a . small part in the work of this school, which the Lord Himself has planted. Good, therough work is being done in the classes, many of which are in Bible as follows: Old Testament History, New Testament History, Books of Daniel, Revelation, Isaiah, and Jeremiah, and the ministerial class, besides many classes in language, mathematics, missions, histroy, etc. This gives a strong course for these who have the work of the Third Angel's Message in view.

Many earnest, consecrated young people are here whose desire is to become faithful workers for God. Many of these will enter the ripe cunvassing field this coming summer to warn as many as they can of the suon coming Saviour, and to gain for themselves a vich experience.

Dear reader, do you not wish to have a part in this glorious work of redemption? If you do and need a preparation, come and get it, and hasten to work, for we are on the brink of eternity.

C. J. Tolf.

PETOSKEY CHURCH SCHOOL .

Our Petoskoy school has not been asleep through these seven months though our "greetings" have not been sent to our sister schools. We have not lacked in experiences, both interesting and beneficial. The difficulty in reporting has been that we have had so many experiences, that there has be n no time to relate them.

Cur school is small, we have not room for many. The room is upstairs. It was newly papered for us this year and is decorated with the vell-prepared work of the pupils. It is not elegant, but we think comy and cheorful, commanding from one window a view of Little Traverse Buy, and from the others the hills of Emmet County.

The second grade are very busy piecing a missionary quilt during the sewing period. O' that such a missionary zeal may be implanted in each little heart, that they may give their lives to this truth is our prayer. This month they have learned several Bible verses and poems, the latter being, "The Tempest," "A Lesson from the Oak", "He didn't Think", and "The Golden Rule."

The fourth grade have memorized, "Somebody 's Mother", "Baby Corn", "Magic Keys", "Mr. No Body", and "A Chinese Baby Girl".

The fifth grade Bible work has proved to be especially interesting. It is certainly a source of inspiration to note the wonderful way in which God will work for those who obey Him.

Grades seven and eight are studying hard on Revelation. We found the time prophecy of Rev. 12 to 14:5 to vhe very interesting. We have finished the fourteenth chapter with the result that all in the class are able to repeat the three messages. We are now studying the plagues. All the school are now able to repeat the ten commandments.

It has been claimed by some that it is impossible to teach vocal music satisfactory in a school where all ages, grades, and temperaments are represented. Of course, it is more difficult but I believe a good knowledge of the subject can be obtained in just this kind of a school, especially when all are interested. The pupils here seem very anxious to learn and their interest is commendable, not alone at class time, but during the noon hour, the more advanced acting as tutors to the others.

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In view of the fact that missionary work must begin at home, some work has been done along the lines of distributing literature, selling SIGNS, making missionary visits, and writing letters.

We have received much help from the Morning Watch and the great desire of our hearts is that each day may find us improving every opportunity to better prepare us for the Master's work.

Nora Willaman.

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"Let us now arise and redeem the time. Everything in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves unreservedly to the proclamation of the truth as it has been made known to them in the Third Angel's Message."

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TITHE RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1908.

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TRACT SOCIETY HOTES.

We approciate very much the offert which some of our churches are putting forth to sottle their Tract Society accounts. Let the good work go on.

The Sabbath School Quarterlies for the second quarter are now ready. Be sure and order by the 20th of March.

Have you any friends or neighbors who speak Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Finnish, French or German? If so we can supply you with tracts in these languages.

We are wondering if you are acquainted with the lavender book. We are giving away absolutely free, to every church member, a beautiful lavender book. This book gives you the price of all our publication. Remember this book is free. Simply write to the Tract Society and they will cheerfully send it to you by early mail.

Using the literature advortised on next to the last page affords a splendid opportunity for doing a timely work in preparing our neighbors for the coming conflict which is so near, compelling everyone to decide where they are going to stand soon.

Does your church own a reading rack? Why not buy one as described in the Lavender Book?

Brother Lovry in reporting for week ending Feb. 20th writes: "I am sending you my report for this week? It was a terrible stormy week as you probably know. The drifts were so deep I could hardly climb through some places. There was no track at all part of the time, but I had a good week. I was a long way from home so I kept on working. I thank and provise the Lord for the strength He gave me and for the orders taken? I had some good talks with the people and find many homest souls waiting for the message that Great Controversy will give them."

Has your church treasurer one of the new tithe receipt books? If not, help fill up the old one with your tithes and offerings and money on account so a new one can be ordered. They are much more convenient than the old kind.

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The following was seen in the home of one of our isolated Sabbath-keepers not long since. On the parlor table was a copy of <u>Desire of Ages</u> and <u>Coming King</u>. On the shelf of the library table were files of SIGNS, REVIEWS, INSTRCTORS, otc. In the bookcase were found such volums as <u>Early Writings</u>, <u>Great Controv rsy</u>, <u>Testimonies</u>, <u>Practical Lessons</u>, etc. On the dining room wall hung a prophetic chart while in the room where the guests slept was a stand on which was a Bible. Between its pages some of our good tracts had been placed, protruding just enough to excite the curiosity of the visitor. Could the same be said of your home?

We are very anxious to work up the Tract Society business in our conference. This is really the life of the church. Our Conference Tract Society ishas a full line of our denominational books, Bibles and tracts up-to-date. We will be pleased to hear from you in regard to your vants. Will not some of your family need a new Bible this year or some choice books to fill up your library? You know everyone should have a library. That library should contain such books as Desire of Ages, Daniel and Rovelation, Great Controversy, Farly Writings, and the Testimenies. The prices are very reasonable and everyone should plan to raise money and purchase these books.

E, A. Bristol.

HDid you make any pledges at camp-meeting? Have you paid them?

SABBATH-SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY /CLUMTER SOCIETY IT: S.

Sabbath-school Donations, was the topic under consideration at the Petoskey Sabbath-school Feb. 22d, and all that expressed themselves we e in favor of setting apart one or two Sabbaths to take up a collection for the home Sabbath-school supplies and giving all the Sabbath-school donations to missions after this.

A fine Sabbath-school report has just been received from Skanee in the Upper Peninsula. Altho this is the youngest of our sister schools, the vigor and zeal manifested gives promise of good work. Brother Montgomery organized this school in October and altho not a large company yet they gave a very interesting program a few weeks ago, even the small children taking part. As the unexpected visitor enters the Sabbath-school he is impressed that officers and teachers are studying the methods given in the Sabbath School WORCER and the "Report of the Convention." Everything from the opening exercise to the close is attractive and interesting, nothing monotonous-- and they all love their school.

Wheir company is not yet organized into a Missionary Volunteer Society but some among them are scattering literature freely and we trust that before long it shall be our privilege to welcome them into the Young People's organization.

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Frank De Pas, leader of the Missionary Volunteer Society at Harris has just sent the names of sixteen young people who have taken the Reading Circle work and say by this that they will read five good books during the year 1908.

The Petuskey Missionary Volunteer Society was reorganized in October, 1907 with Brother H. M. Johnson as leader and Della Sweet as secretary. Realing from the first that one purpose of the society should be to train for service, the work has not all been left for the leader but each one has felt it a privilege and a duty to make the work a success; so from Sabbath to Sabbath each in his turn would lead the meeting.

As the Testimonies have said we should lead out in the temperance work, a temperance program was given early in November which was well attended, and later during the Elders' meeting we gave a Roligious Liberty program.

Some went out canvassing with the SIGNS Special and more than a hundred copies were sold. This gave a good experience and brought some money into the treasury. We are now making quilts to sell, the proceeds to be applied on the bell fund.

Two reading racks are kept supplied and on Sabbath we roll up neatly, SIGNS, INSTRUCTORS, or other good reading matter and place them in the farmers' wagens that come into town. Some clothing has been given away, also one quilt and "Ministry of Healing".

Early in October we began the study of Early Writings in the Missionary Volunteer Reading Circle and we are now taking the second book. All did not buy the books so we meet every Tuesday evening for a study period and a work period. Harmony prevails and all are willing to work, so we unite with our sister societies in saying, "To all the world in this generation." May the Lord give us a consecration of heart to enable us to realize the sclennity of these words and the responsibility that rests upon us.

From Elis Morey, at Branpton, comes another list of sixteen names for the Reading Circlo. We are glad to see the awakening among our young people in the matter of reading; for good books, like valuable friends, are always ready to instruct, to comfort, to refine. The elevate the character, purify the life, __ake the attraction out of low pleasures, and lift us upon a higher plane of living and thinking.

Often good reading kindles the flame of loving service. Cook's Voyages and Fuller's tract together with a constant study of the Bible and the world's needs, led Cary to give himself to India. John Wesley attributes the transformation of his life to the book, "Imitation of Christ". It is said that at the age of five years, Voltaire read an infidel poem, which made him the arch-scoffer of his century. From which fountain will you drink"

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Mrs. Jennie M. Willanan-

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NOTICE TO ALL!

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All letters requiring immodiate attention should be addressed to the North Michigan Tract Society, instead of to me personally. Mail addressed to the Tract Socicty will be opened and "eccive prompt attention while personal mail will be delayed when I am out of Fecoskey,

E. A. Bristol.

WORK IN THE UPPER PENINSULA.

I left Petoskey Fob. 20th for Manistique and the next Herning, in company with Brother Bellows, vent to Hiawatha where we spent Sabbath and Sunday. We found the people here of good courage and the school was progressing nicely. As a result of our visit thore every family will have the REVIEW to read,

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From Hiawatha I went to Munising and had a meeting with the lit le company I also supped at Ishpening and Baraga to see some of the isolated Sabbath there. keepers.

Feb. 26th I took the stage at L'Anse to go to Skanace The road goes through We have two families the thick woods and for thirteen niles no houses are in sight. at this place to hold up the light of truth before their Sweuish neighbors. One brother here is planning to take up the canvassing work soon.

It was a great pleasure to again visit Hancock and find that some of the seed planted there has been watered and is growing nicely. Quite a large company are there now rejoicing in the truth. Brothor Ejork has returned to the work and is having Brother Collard is also canvassing in that good success among the Finnish people . field and Brother Stedman is doing faithful work with the SIGHS, while Brother Montgomery and Sister Campbell are kept busy following up the interest.

God has pledged His word that the work will be finished in this generation and I rejoice to see the interest . our people take in circulating the printed page and also to know that some are being lod to enter the field, but there is still room for mores

I am now (March 4) at Greenland and expect to spend another week in the North before returning to attend the Bookmen's Convention at Chicago.

I trust that all are praying God to send more laborers into the harvest so that the work may be quickly finished.

H. W. Johnson.

OBITUARY.

Dennis .- Ida M. Brewer was born in Steuber Co., N. Y., in 1852 and died at

her home in Melita, Mich., Feb. 15, 1908, aged 56 years and 5 days. She was married to Daniel Dennis Dec. 30, 1870. Three children were born to them, two sons and a daughter, all of whom survive her, also an adopted son. She leaves boothers and sisters in New York and a brother in Hillsdale, Mich.

Sister Donnis came with her husband and family to Michigan in 1880 living in Roscommon County for seventeen years, afterwards moving to Melita where she resided until her death.

She embraced the Adventist faith several years ago and joined the Omer church in 1896. Her exemplary Christian life ondeared her to all and she was laid to rest awaiting the call of the Life-giver.

Funeral services were held in the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Melita by the writer.

E. A. Bristol.

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NEWS AND NOTES .

"Christ in Song" is out of print temporarily. We understand a new edition is being printed. Prices will be given later.

Are you watching the stars? We mean the ones in the REVIEW on the \$150,000 Fund.

Elder C. A. Hansen would like to hear from the brethren and sisters in the Northern Peninsula as to whether they are desirous of having a comp-meeting in that part of the field or not this summer. His address now is 220 Hichigan St., Petoskey, Mich.

The following named persons are delegates from North Michigan to the Lake Union Conference to be held in Chicago March 17-27: C. A. Hansen, O. Montgomery, E. A. Bristel, M. Stephens, H. W. Johnson, Myrta M. Kellogg and Mrs. Jennie Willaman. A Bookmen's Convention will be held in connection with the conference.

Keep looking for the great tract movement which will soon be on foot in this field.

The Petoskey Missionary Volunteer Society observed the Young Feeple's D.y March 7th, carrying out the program as given in the INSTRUCTOR.

Elder C. A. Hansen and Brother E. A. Bristol visited Hoordstown Sabb th Feb. 29th and found a good company of Sabbath keepers there. Heetings were held Sabbath, Sunday, and Monday, with a good interest, both of our people and those not of the flith. It was regretted that the meetings could not be held longer, but on account of a small-pex scare, it was not thought advisable to continue the meetings for a time. Brother Bristol returned to Potoskey March 2d and Elder Hansen went on to Tustin where he met with the little company there.

We learn that two young men from the Wilson church expect to enter the academy at Bethel soon.

Are there any who have the Western Fever in your vincinity? If they have they had better get vaccinated with some of the letters we get from people who have left us, spent all their money, and haven't means to get back to good old Michigan again. Every spring certain people want to go senswhere. A rolling stone gathers no moss. Remember when you gain one or two advantages by reaming you lose several others. The railroad companydoes not carry people free. We know of a man who sold his good home and went two thousand miles just to gick strawberries at Christmas time. He stayed just long enough to pick a few and then come back a pauper. Very expensive straw berries. Many who go away do not get enough to pay up the debts they leave in Michigan. There's no better place for a poor man in this world than Michigan.

Brother E. A. Bristol visited the Onaway Church Sabbath Larch 7th.

We are still waiting for some of our good teachers to send in reports for the NWS SHEET.

We were glad to receive some more subscriptions to the NIWS SHEET and to know that the brothmen and sisters onjoy the paper.

Have you an aim in life?

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Many of our young people are receiving a great blessing in using the Morning Watch Calendar,