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## Our Lord's Goods

I am persuaded that there are a large number of Sabbath-keepers who do not pay tithe. With many, doubtless this is caused by lack of knowledge, for it is inconceivable that any right-thinking person could expect a blessing while deliberately disobeying God. The fact that some people pay money into the cause at intervals and withhold it at other times, and that many ask questions as to how, when and where the tithe should be paid, makes it quite evident that some of these people are brought to the Sabbath without being instructed in the tithe and other matters of faith. The tithe is not a non-essential or indifferent matter. The Bible is as plain upon it as it is upon the Sabbath, and those who neglect it are losing a great blessing.

## Unfaithfulness Brings Curse

The third chapter of Malachi is very plain. God says that in the past we have all robbed Him, even the whole nation is cursed with a curse because of it. But He says further, "Return unto me and I will return unto you." God sanctified

the seventh day. He also sanctified the tithe. "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or the fruit of the tree is the Lord's. It is holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 27:30.) It is a recognition of the Lord's ownership and of our stewardship. "The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." (Haggai 2:8.) "For the world is mine, and the fulness." (Psalm 50:12.) The tithe, then, since sin came into the world, is a recognition of God's ownership, just as the tree in the Garden of Eden was a recognition of His ownership before sin came.

## The Tithe a Tenth

How much is the tithe, and what use does the Lord make of it? "And behold I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation." (Numbers 18:21.) From this we see that the tithe is one-tenth and that the Lord uses it in supporting His gospel work in the world. In Gen. 28:19-22 we see that this obligation to support the cause of God by the tenth of our income was known and recognized by the patriarchs. Jacob promised the Lord at Bethel, "I will surely give the tenth to Thee." This recognized duty of the Patriarchal and Mozaic dispensation is carried over by our Saviour and also by Paul into the Christian dispensation. (See Matt. 23: 23 and 1st Corinthians 9: 13.) As the Levites lived off the tithe of Israel in the old dispensation, even so the gospel work is to be supported now.

## Where Shall the Tithe be Placed?

"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." (Malachi 3:10.) The tithe should be brought into the storehouse or treasury and there the responsibility of the individual ends. The Lord will fulfill His promise and bless him, and will hold the treasurer and conference committee responsible for the way it is used. Neither the way it is given or the way it is used will escape the Lord's notice. The widow's mite was used by the unfaithful Scribes and Pharisees, but the Lord blessed the widow for her faithfulness. The people in Hezekiah's time tested the Lord's promises and the result is shown in 2nd Chronicles 31:10. The Lord blessed His people then and He will bless His remnant people when we also turn to Him with our whole hearts and bring all the tithe and offerings into the treasury. If God gives bountifully, do not forget to return to Him His own in tithe and offerings, and in the day of adversity do not forget the Lord's promise to those who are faithful in that which is least.

C. F. McVagh, in "Western Canadian Tidings."

"The only means which God has ordained to advance His cause is to bless men with property. He gives them the sunshine and the rain; he causes vegetation to flourish; he gives health, and ability to acquire means. All our blessings come from His bountiful hand. In turn he would have men and women show their gratitude by returning him a portion in tithes and offerings—in thank-offerings, in free-will offerings, in trespass offerings."

## Ready to Go Home

On the train recently, I leaned back on the seat, shut my eyes, and dropped asleep. The train stopped at a station, and then began to move slowly. I was scarcely enough awakened to think clearly, and as I lay with my eyes closed, I thought the train was backing; but when I roused myself and opened my eyes, I could see that the motion was forward. Quickly gaining momentum, we sped over the rails toward home. Soon familiar landmarks were passed. The nearer home, the more wide-awake I became and the more I studied the landscape, till I heard the familiar name, "Riverside," shouted. Then gathering up my belongings, I was ready to step from the train upon the platform of the home station.

Here are the lessons: When one is asleep, one is not capable of judging direction, speed, or route. Nor can one who is asleep recognize the country through which his "train" is passing, and he is in danger of being unprepared to alight even when his own station is reached. As a people we are going home; we trust soon to arrive. How shall we keep awake? How shall we know the landmarks? How shall we "keep pace with the message?" Read the church paper, the "Review and Herald." Day by day long-foretold landmarks are passed; season by season new lands are entered by the gospel message. We must know these stations, for according to Matt. 24:14 home—Heaven—is the next station beyond the last mission field. A sad awakening awaits those who are not ready when the Saviour comes.

Max Hill.

## Week of Prayer at Lodi Academy

It was my privilege to spend the week of prayer at Lodi Academy. Most of the students had returned to the school after the enforced period of vacation caused by the influenza epidemic, and were all at their work again with a commendable spirit of earnestness and good cheer. About 160 students have enrolled in the academic department, and nearly the same number in the grammar grades.

During the week the lessons were

lightened, and two meetings were held each day—one at the 9:30 morning chapel period, continuing one hour and thirty minutes; the other from 3:00 o'clock to 7:15 each evening. From 8:00 o'clock to 9:30 each morning, half-hour meetings were held in each of the three rooms carrying grammar grade studies. The Lodi church services were held daily at 2:30 p. m.

The week was a very busy but enjoyable one for there was a good response on the part of the students. Brother R. R. Breitigam, young peoples' secretary of the Central California Conference, was present three days. His earnest, timely instruction was much appreciated.

Nearly all the academic students are already members of the church, but some who were careless or indifferent found a new experience as they earnestly sought God in prayer and in confession of sins. Some became acquainted with the Lord for the first time and cast their lot with the people of God. Eight students signified their desire for baptism at the earliest opportunity. Those who were enjoying a Christian experience obtained a new vision of their privileges and possibilities in Christ, and decided to enter earnestly upon a program of serious preparation for efficient service.

Each day a study was conducted on the subject of Christian efficiency. Nearly 100 of the older students desired to have a continual reminder of these Bible studies, so a card has been prepared containing the following efficiency program with suggestive readings placed on the reverse side. Others can secure these cards if they desire them.

M. E. Cady.

## Christian Efficiency Program

### My Aim

To become a workman approved of God. 2 Tim. 2:15; Eph. 4:13.

### My Insufficiency

Utterly helpless without Christ. "Without me ye can do nothing." John 15:6.

### My Sufficiency

All powerful through Christ. "I can

do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13; 2 Cor. 12:9; 3:6.

## My Program

### I. Physical Efficiency:

1. My body presented a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God; becoming a temple for the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Rom. 12:1; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19, 20; 9:25-27.

2. My habits of eating, drinking and dress such as not to defile, weaken, or destroy this habitation of the Spirit. 1 Cor. 3:17; 10:31; 1 Pet. 3:1-5; 2 Tim. 2:9.

3. My physical work and recreation beneficial to me and profitable to others. 1 Tim. 4:8.

4. Recognition that my body was formed in the image of God, and that I honor Him in conserving its powers for service. Gen. 1:26, 27.

### II. Mental Efficiency:

1. Continually yielding my mind to the transforming and renewing influence of the Holy Spirit. Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23.

2. My reading only the "finest of the wheat," thoroughly winnowed from all chaff, Eccl. 12:9-4. (Margin.)

3. All my mental powers trained and educated for the highest and most efficient service. 2 Tim. 1:6; Prov. 18:16; 1 Tim. 4:13.

### III. Social Efficiency:

1. My companions and associates, like my reading, carefully chosen. Prov. 4:14-17; 2:10-22; Ps. 1:1-3.

2. A helpful, friendly and a cheerful attitude in all my associations with others. Prov. 18:24; Rom. 12:9, 10.

3. Shun places of pleasure and amusement that separate me from companionship with Christ. 2 Tim. 3:15; 2 Pet. 2:13; Jer. 16:8; Eccl. 7:2.

4. My words and conduct at all times and on all occasions pure, truthful and sympathetic. Ps. 101:2-4; Heb. 13:5; Jas. 3:13; Eccl. 5:2; Col. 4:6; 2 Pet. 3:10, 11.

### IV. Spiritual Efficiency:

1. A daily student of the Word of God. John 5:39; Acts 17:11.

2. Prayer and soul-communion a part of my daily program. Ps. 5:2:3:

55; 16, 17; Luke 18: 1-4; 1 Thess. 5:17.

3. Reverence the name of God and all places dedicated to His worship. Ps. 119:9; 89: 7; 1 Tim. 3:14, 15; Eccl. 5: 1, 2.

4. Active participation in all the services of the church. Ps. 84: 1, 2; 27: 4; 122: 1; 84: 10.

5. By precept and example seeking to win souls to Christ. 1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:6, 7.

6. Recognize that excellency of Spirit, as an attainment in Christian efficiency, is more important than excellency of body and mind. Dan. 6:3.

7. Sacredly observe the holy Sabbath, in words, thoughts and deeds. Isa. 58: 13, 14.

8. Not grieve away the Holy Spirit, but quickly and cheerfully yield to its promptings. Eph. 4:30.

**Partnership**

Fellowship and companionship with Christ. Gal. 2: 22; Rev. 3: 20; John 14: 23.

**Results**

My physical, mental, social and spiritual powers preserved in purity, strength and efficiency for service. 1 Thess. 5:23.

**New Year Opportunities**

The great and solemn events occurring the past few years have caused many to consider seriously what it all means, and doubtless there has been much personal examination on the part of the people.

The conditions confronting us open the way for larger missionary operations than ever before, and the demands made upon our people both for men and means are greatly increased.

We are thankful indeed for the splendid way in which all took hold of the great task last year, and the spirit of liberality and earnest effort in our churches is to be strongly commended. Surely God's rich blessing rested upon all.

The new year opens with no less demands upon our time, devotion and resources, but on the other hand we should expect to accomplish even greater things.

There will be constant need for funds and earnest efforts in soul-sav-

ing until the blessed work is finished. So shall we not renew our consecration, redouble our efforts, and plan definitely to continue to do our full part along every line.

There are wrapped up greater possibilities in the year before us than we can imagine. Grave responsibilities are laid upon each one, and it is only by diligent effort and faithful service that we can hope to attain to that degree of success that will satisfy and make us happier.

G. W. Wells.

**A Week's Campaign With the "Signs"**

Sabbath, January 25, is "Signs" day. A special program has been sent to all the churches, also other new material to aid in making the service a success. The plan for this special "Signs" campaign calls upon us to spend the week following January 25 in securing subscriptions among our friends, neighbors and townspeople. While we want our own people to increase their personal clubs for general missionary work, we feel that much more should be done in the direction of obtaining subscriptions from outsiders, thus giving the paper a still wider influence.

We, therefore, urge that our churches be encouraged to conduct this special campaign for subscriptions at the \$1.50 rate among their neighbors and townspeople during the week immediately following "Signs" Day, January 25, while the interest of our members in the "Signs" and its influence is newly awakened. Our people in most cities and towns have gratuitously distributed copies of the "Signs Weekly" among many of the homes about them, and with a little special effort would, doubtless, gather in many subscriptions. One church in Michigan conducted such a campaign last year and turned in a large number of subscriptions. The president of that field recently stated that as a result of that effort among the homes of outsiders, several have been added to the church.

Personal work, such as the above suggests, leads easily to appointments for little Bible studies and cottage meetings. We shall discover unus-

ual openings as we go out in the spirit of sympathy and with a desire to really help the people. And, dear brethren and sisters, we shall realize the blessings of soul-saving as we see the increasing interest, and the souls turning to Christ and His truth. We are confident that such service will mean new life for ourselves, our church and our conference. Let us give it our most earnest prayers and planning, and personally take hold of this work in real earnestness and zealous effort.

"Great blessings and privileges are ours. We may secure the most valuable heavenly treasures. Let ministers and people remember that gospel truth ruins if it does not save. The soul that refuses to listen to the invitations of mercy from day to day, can soon listen to the most urgent appeals without an emotion stirring his soul."

**Ten Reasons Why Every Church Should Have a Club of the "Signs Weekly"**

1. Because the Signs Weekly is a soul-winner. It has brought more people into the truth than any other publication. Our leading brethren urge that every member of the church engage in its circulation.

2. Because it gives the Third Angel's Message—the life-giving message—a clear, definite ring. Elder J. W. Christian, our union conference president, wrote in December, 1918: "The Signs is a mighty preacher. It stands for the faith once delivered to the saints, and fearlessly and without apology gives a certain tone to the message of truth for this time."

3. Because its stirring prophetic studies, its strong doctrinal articles, its striking comments on current world events in the light of Scripture, and its other helpful and timely features qualify it to enter any home as a representative of Seventh-day Adventists.

4. Because our ministers and writers are giving of their best through the columns of the Signs and we should cooperate with them by passing on their messages to the people. You would be delighted if these men

could talk personally with your friends and neighbors. They want to do the next best thing—talk to them through the Signs. Let us bring them and our friends together in 1919.

5. Because it is a weekly paper. The frequency of its visits is an advantage. It slips into the mail boxes of some 60,000 homes regularly every week, giving its messages in a quiet yet persistent manner.

6. Because the contents of the paper are varied. One member of a home is interested in a certain article, and another member is attracted by something else. Its scope is wide, and one issue contains material for a variety of persons.

7. Because the very life of the church is dependent on the work it does for others. The Signs is one of the greatest aids in the work of witnessing among friends and neighbors. It is the church's evangelist where there is no other, and a mighty helper where there is one.

8. Because of what the Signs will contain in 1919. Our writers will make the paper vibrant with matter that will focus Bible interpretation upon world events, and the tremendous issues before us. The spiritual delusions of the day will be treated by the positive counteracting Bible truth. Strong articles will deal with the fundamentals of religion, the great doctrines of the Book, Christ the Saviour of men, and His coming as the solution of all earth's problems.

9. Because people, including our relatives, will read the Signs when they cannot be reached in any other way. The Signs furnishes an opportunity for individual work, even though home duties prevent, to a great extent, the personal touch.

10. Because of its very low price every member can afford to pay for one to five or more copies. And because more Signs simply means more souls.

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 "Should means flow into the treasury exactly according to God's plan—a tenth of all the increase—there would be abundance to carry forward His work."

## FIELD TIDINGS

### INTER-MOUNTAIN

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#### News Items

A large number of "Review" subscriptions expire during January and February. Please renew at once.

Wanted at once. Workers for our monthly magazines in all our cities. Can you not spare a few hours each week to engage in this work? Write at once to the conference office, or better still, send in your first order.

During the year just passed our Sabbath schools gave \$4100.33 to foreign missions. This was a little over ten cents a week per church member. Cannot our Sabbath schools reach the goal set by the General Conference Sabbath school Department, of fifteen cents a week per church member during 1919?

The week from January 11-18 is "Review and Herald" campaign week. Sabbath, the eighteenth, is special campaign day. About 70 per cent of our people in the Inter-Mountain Conference are now readers of the "Review." Let us make it 100 per cent on January 18. We hope that church elders and missionary secretaries will take a leading part in this work.

More than \$1000 was realized on the Missions Investments for the year 1918. We feel sure that this has in no way detracted from any of our other offerings. It is none too early to plan for your 1919 investment. Some are already doing this by planning to give from two to twenty-five per cent of their total income for the year after paying faithful tithe. Others have started to give all Sabbath eggs for the year.

Every church should have at least two copies of the "Church Officers' Gazette," one for the elder and one for the missionary secretary. In all

our churches where there is a Missionary Volunteer Society there should be two additional copies; one that the leader of the society may keep, and another from which to secure clippings for the use of the various ones that take part in the programs. Some of our churches provide these papers from their regular church expense fund. We believe that this is an excellent plan, for it provides all newly elected officers with the paper at once.

The largest remittance that ever left the Inter-Mountain field was a check for \$3,244.61, sent to the union conference office on Monday, January 6th. Of this amount, \$2,786.03 was for missions. With this last remittance of funds for the year, we went "over the top," having passed the mark of 25 cents a week for missions. We feel to praise God for what he has enabled our people to do, and this in spite of the fact that the Harvest Ingathering work has been greatly hindered. Let us all do our part in making the year 1919 the best yet in the matter of providing funds to help carry this message to regions beyond.

We are sure that the following report from the Logan church, taken from a letter received from Elder Charles Nelson, will be of interest to all our people. "For eight weeks we had no meetings. It has only been the last three Sabbaths that we have met together. Thanks for the two copies of the "Church Officers' Gazette" that you sent. I want you to order it for me. We are planning on organizing a young peoples' society here; would be glad to have you render us such help as we need, as we have never had a young peoples' society. We have enough young people here, I believe, to organize. Things are moving along nicely in the church now."

J. A. Neilsen.

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 "Do you converse about spiritual things as easily and readily as you do about temporal things? We talk freely about those things we are familiar with, which most occupy our minds."

## Your Ingathering Papers

We hope that our churches will use all their 1918 Harvest Ingathering papers. These can be used with as good results during January and February as at any previous time. Why not get a good start on your Harvest Ingathering goal for 1919? Do not bear the disgrace of having these truth laden papers stacked away in the back room of your church, or on the shelves of your closets at home. Use them this winter while they are still fresh.

H. E. Lysinger.

## January 18

What is going to happen on January 18? Every family in the Inter-Mountain Conference, who is not already a subscriber to the "Review and Herald," is expected to become a part of the "Review Family" on or before this date. The paper will be increased in size to 32 pages, and the price will remain the same—\$2.50. All new subscribers who subscribe before January 31, will receive the paper 14 months for \$2.50.

To every subscriber who will secure one or more new subscriptions, a copy of the new book, "After the War—What?" will be given as a testimonial of appreciation. Begin at once to ask at least one question to every Seventh-day Adventist you meet—ask them if they take the "Review." If not, do all in your power to claim the blessing and honor of getting at least one new subscriber, and receive a copy of the new book, "After the War—What?" as a premium.

H. E. Lysinger.

## Your Mission Investments

The Mission Investments for 1918 have netted the conference nearly \$1000.00 for missions, and would have amounted to much more, had all pledges been paid. We trust that all who made investments will yet remit, and let all plan to make larger investments for 1919. Surely the Lord will add His blessing to the many children who have sent in many dollars as a result of their investments, as well as the older members. The blanks are now ready for this year, and all will be solicited for in-

vestments. In counselling with some of the members of the conference committee, we agreed to ask every sister who has chickens, to pledge all eggs laid on the Sabbath for missions. We want a 100 per cent pledge from the sisters of the conference. Will you respond? Ladies, begin now to keep track of your Sabbath eggs and be ready to sign the pledge blank when it is presented.

H. E. Lysinger.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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## San Pedro Church School

Perhaps some readers of the "Recorder" may be interested to hear of the progress of the church school at San Pedro. Although greatly hindered because of the influenza epidemic, we feel that our work is going on nicely, and we have much for which to be thankful.

Fifteen boys and girls are enrolled. We enjoyed the help Elder Bradley and Brother Kittle gave us during the Week of Prayer. Seven of the older boys and girls joined me in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and we are glad to report that we have 25 cents beyond our goal of \$50. We are glad for the privilege of working for our Master who has done so much for us.

Lois M. Painter.

## SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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## Books That are Wanted

The elder of the Redlands church asked a brother one day to help them in disposing of the small books bought at camp meeting. As usual, the answer was, "I can't do anything with them." But the church had bought 500, and the elder urged him so he took 12 home with him.

Within a few days a gentleman called and was shown the books. After looking at them, he said, "I will take them all," and ordered 22 more to give to friends. He thought they were fine. We know they are. Why not try to get more people to thinking this way?

The people in many places are waiting for this light. Do your best and they will see it.

H. A. Hebard.

## Elder McElhany to Serve

As I am to leave this field to again take up religious liberty work, I feel to say a few words to the brothers and sisters of our conference. Nearly four years ago this conference was organized and I was asked to act as president. On coming to the field the workers and people gave me a most hearty welcome, and have stood by the work very loyally. A goodly number of souls have taken their stand for the truth.

The past year was a fruitful one up to the time the influenza gripped the country. Of course that has hindered the work more or less. Up to the close of November, 190 people had taken their stand for the truth and joined the church. Our tithe and offerings have been especially good. Indications are that the 25-cent-a-week fund will run far ahead. We have strong hopes that it will equal 30 cents. Our tithe increased a little over \$1000 a month above that of 1917.

Elder J. L. McElhany has taken the presidency of the conference. He is a man of experience and ability, and with the blessing of the Lord and cooperation of the workers and people, there is no reason why the cause should not make rapid progress the coming year.

All correspondence formerly addressed to me should now be sent to Elder J. L. McElhany, 310 Loring Building, Riverside, California.

The past four years have been very pleasant ones, and I feel to ask the prayers of the brothers and sisters that my future work may be wrought in God.

W. F. Martin.

## School Notes

Miss Vinna Frame has an interesting and interested little school at Brawley. Their work has been greatly hindered, but there is a spirit to work hard to catch up.

The schools in and near San Diego

have made good advancement for the time they have been conducted. Paradise Valley escaped the epidemic for a time, but it is now taking its turn. Some of the children at San Diego have carried on their studies in some subjects.

Miss Emma Hengst, at Escondido; Miss Lura Atwood, at Riverside and Miss Anna Jensen, at Ontario, are carrying the school work by meeting the children in small groups. At Loma Linda the children have come one at a time for assignments and help. In these ways it is hoped that full work will be done.

The San Pasqual church school is the only one which has lost no time on account of the influenza. The boys are making good progress in woodwork under the efficient direction of Brother Lucas. Each boy has a tool chest which he has made for himself. Mrs. C. W. Dortch, the teacher, gives instruction in sewing and cooking. **Brother Clarence Dortch** goes out from Camp Kearny and conducts an old-time community "sing."

The Centralia church, in the country near Anaheim, conducted one of the first schools in the state. Sister Alma McKibbin calls it her "first battlefield." Of late years the children have been attending at Garden Grove and other places; but a number have grown up, and others have moved in, till a local school is needed. On December 2, Sister Clara Winterton opened the school with eight pupils. They are a happy little company, and are determined to work hard together.

The New River school, near El Centro, has grown suddenly to nearly fifty pupils, including ten grades. The new building is almost completed. The Sabbath school membership is about eighty-five, and there is plenty of room for all divisions. The Week of Prayer was well attended and greatly appreciated. The young people's society has a good membership. On Christmas day the brethren brought their teams and leveled the grounds, laid walks, and helped on the building. At noon the sisters ap-

peared with huge boxes and baskets, and all present did full justice to the contents. Imperial Valley people know how to get together.

Max Hill.

### Don't Forget

That it is not too late to begin reading the Bible through now if you failed to commence January 1.

That the Bible Year assignments for daily reading may be found in three places this year, i. e., in the little Bible Year book by Mrs. I. H. Evans (65c) in the Morning Watch calendar (5c), and in the Senior Bible Year leaflet (½c).

That all of these supplies may be secured from your tract society.

That the "Bible Year" book will prove a valuable aid to you in the study of your Bible during 1919.

That those who have begun reading the Bible through several times before, but have failed to complete it, would do well to begin where they left off and finish, instead of starting all over again.

That only thoughtful, prayerful Bible reading really benefits one.

That anyone who fails to read God's Word through from Genesis to Revelation at least once, will sustain a decided loss.

That the Psalmist says: "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee."

That you should read your Bible through during 1918.

### How to Make Scandal

Take a grain of falsehood, a handful of runabout, the same quantity of nimble tongue, a sprig of herb backbite, a teaspoonful of don't-you-tell-it, six drops of malice, and a few of envy. Add a little discontent and jealousy, and strain through a bag of misconception; cork it up tight in a bottle of malevolence and hand it out on a skein of street yarn; keep it in a hot atmosphere; shake it occasionally for a few days and it will be fit for use. Let a few drops be taken before walking out and the desired result will follow.—Selected

### Lend a Hand

A young girl on a railroad train gave a bunch of roses to a little cripple. The child held them to her lips and pressed them to her heart, and fell asleep. The train reached its destination. The father came in from the smoking car. At the sight of his little one lying peacefully asleep with her head against the stranger, and the roses in her hand, he said in a voice full of feeling:

"I'm not a prayin' man, but the Lord's blessin' rest on you for your kindness to my bairn!"

The child roused as she was taken in her father's arms and said:

"I've been in heaven, pa; I've got some roses."

There was a mist in other eyes than the father's, and more than one heard a divine voice saying, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."—Selected.

"God requires the training of the mental faculties. He designs that His servants shall possess more intelligence and clearer discernment than the worldling, and He is displeased with those who are too careless or too indolent to become efficient, well-informed workers. The Lord bids us love Him with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and with all the mind. This lays upon us the obligation of developing the intellect to its fullest capacity that with all the mind we may know and love our Creator."

The Christian must not expect exemption from the cares, burdens, and disappointments of this life. They will come; and they may come like an avalanche. "Many," says the psalmist, "are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth them out of them all." And the way of deliverance is frequently through the acceptance of the strength which He gives to meet the daily need. In view of these things, the child of God should take courage, and bear with patience whatsoever burden may be placed upon his shoulders. Bear the burden just for today, and let the strength which God imparts help you to bear it.—Christian Advocate.

**The Holy Spirit An Aid to Bible Study**

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came to Jesus, the Saviour exclaimed, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." Nathaniel said, "Whence knowest thou me?" Jesus answered, "Before that Phillip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee." And Jesus will see us also in the secret place of prayer, if we will seek him for light, that we may know what is truth. Angels from the world of light will be with those who in humility of heart seek for divine guidance.

The Holy Spirit exhorts and glorifies the Saviour. It is His office to present Christ, the purity of His righteousness, and the great salvation that we have through Him. Jesus says, "He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you." The Spirit of truth is the only effectual teacher of divine truth.

—Mrs. E. G. White.

"It is by contemplating Christ, by exercising faith in him, by experiencing for ourselves his saving grace, that we are qualified to present him to the world."

**Notice of Annual Meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association**

Notice is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that the annual meeting of the members of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, a corporation, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of California, will be held at the office of the association on Villa Street, in the town of Mountain View, county of Santa Clara, state of California, on Monday, the 27th day of January, A. D. 1919, at ten o'clock A. M.

The election of directors for the ensuing year, the advisability of amending, repealing, or adopting new by-laws, or such other business as may be necessary or proper to be transacted, will come before the members of the association.

By order of the directors.

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Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
<b>Central California Agent</b>						
S. B. Heath	O. D.	4	1	\$ 3.50	\$ 6.00	
Emma S. Hansen	O. D.			12.50		\$ 28.50
Mrs. Hollenstein	Misc.			23.25		
Mrs. G. L. Lamphear	O. D.	6	4		10.00	
4 Agents		10	5	\$ 38.80	\$ 16.00	\$ 28.50
<b>Southern California</b>						
George Andrews	Misc.	25	4		\$ 18 00	
S. Schafer	P. G.	14	8	1.00	37.00	
2 Agents		39	12	\$ 1.00	\$ 55.00	
<b>Southeastern California</b>						
Lester Cushman	W. P. W. W.	10	15		\$ 4.00	
B. E. Tefft	O. D.	30	4	20.30	30.30	59.00
H. F. Garland	B. R.	14½	6	2.55	29.55	
3 Agents		54½	25	\$ 22.85	\$ 63.85	\$ 59.00

**WEEK ENDING JANUARY 3, 1919**

<b>Southern California</b>						
D. A. Hale	P. G.	26	14		\$ 70.00	
1 Agent		26	14		\$ 70.00	
<b>Southeastern California</b>						
H. G. Warden	O. D.	22	5	\$ 11.55	\$ 29.05	
H. F. Garland	B. R.	50	11	2.25	60.75	
B. E. Tefft	O. D.	9	6	2.16	20.16	
H. A. Hebard	Misc.	5			80.00	
4 Agents		86	22	\$ 15.96	\$ 189.96	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>215½</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>\$ 78.61</b>	<b>\$ 394.81</b>	<b>\$ 87.59</b>

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1919

Elders J. W. Christian and G. W. Reaser, and Brother B. M. Emerson attended the annual conference and workers' meeting of the Arizona Conference at Phoenix last week.

Elder M. N. Helligso returned to the union conference office in Glendale early this week after spending ten days visiting the churches in the Central California Conference in the interest of the young people's work.

Elder J. Adams Stevens has been spending a few days in the Inter-Mountain Conference, attending the meeting of the committee assembled at Grand Junction, Colo., to audit the laborers' accounts for the past year, and visiting churches in that field in the interest of the home missionary work.

### "Thank God For Missions"

Is the title of Elder A. G. Daniells' article in the February "Watchman Magazine." It shows the influence of the foreign mission work not alone for the church, but for the whole world.

Among other interesting articles we find "The Hand of Healing" by Elder Judson S. James, long a medical missionary in India. The "Simple Truth Series" this month presents, "Why God Gave us Truth." Elder Meade McGuire in an interesting article asks, "How do You Pray?"

There are other good articles by well known writers, together with illustrations in color, a special "Watchman" feature. These make

the February "Watchman" one of the best issues yet, for doing home missionary work.

### The Holy Spirit an Aid to Bible Study

The Holy Spirit has been given as an aid in the study of God's word. Jesus promised, "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Those who are under the training of the Holy Spirit will be able to teach the Word intelligently. When the Bible is made the book of study, with earnest supplication for the Spirit's guidance, and a full surrender of the heart to be sanctified through the truth, it will accomplish all that Christ has promised.

The result of such study will be well-balanced minds. The understanding will be quickened; the sensibilities will be aroused; the conscience will become sensitive; the sympathies and sentiments will be purified; a better moral atmosphere will be created; and a new power to resist temptation will be imparted.

The knowledge of God is not to be gained without mental effort, without prayer for wisdom. We should search diligently for its hidden treasure, and seek wisdom from heaven that we may be able to distinguish between human inventions and the divine commands. The Holy Spirit will aid the seeker for great and precious truths which relate to the plan of redemption. A casual reading of the Scriptures is not enough. We must search, and this implies a doing of all the Word implies. As the miner eagerly explores the earth to discover its veins of gold, so we are to explore the Word of God for the hidden treasure that Satan has so long sought to hide from man. The Lord says, "If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching."

The great error of the Romish Church is found in the fact that the Bible is interpreted in the light of opinions of the "fathers." Their opinions are regarded as infallible, and the dignitaries of the church assume that it is their prerogative to

make others believe as they do. Those who do not agree with them are pronounced heretics. But the Word of God is not thus to be interpreted. It is to stand on its own eternal merits, to be read as the Word of God, which declares His will to the people.

The blessed Bible gives us a knowledge of the great plan of salvation, and shows us how every individual may have eternal life. Who is the Author of the book?—Jesus Christ. He is the True Witness, and He says to his own, "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." The Bible shows us the way to Christ, and in Christ eternal life is revealed. Jesus said to the Jews, and to those who gathered about Him in multitudes, "Search the Scriptures." The Jews had the Scriptures which testified of Christ, but they were not able to discern Christ in the Scriptures. The truths of the Old Testament they had so mingled with human opinions that its teachings were mystified, and the will of God to man covered up Christ's sermon on the mount virtually contradicted the doctrines of the self-righteous scribes and pharisees. They had so misrepresented God that He was looked upon as a stern judge, incapable of compassion, mercy, and love. They presented to the people endless maxims and traditions that had no "Thus saith the Lord" for their authority. Though they professed to know and to worship the true and living God, they wholly misrepresented Him and the character of God as revealed in His Son. Christ labored constantly to sweep away these misrepresentations, that the confidence of men in the love of God might be restored. He taught man to address the Supreme Ruler by the new name "Our Father." This name signifies His relation to us, and when spoken in sincerity by human lips, it is music in the ears of God. Christ leads us to the throne of God by a new and living way.

Never should the Bible be studied without prayer. Before opening its pages, we should ask for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and it will be given. When Nathaniel

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