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The Use of the Tithe.

"Thou shalt command the children of Israel that they bring the pure olive oil, beaten, for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always." This was to be a continual offering that the house of God might be properly supplied with that which was necessary for His service. The people to-day are to remember that the house of worship is God's property, and that it is to be scrupulously cared for. But the funds for this work are not to come from the tithe. The tithe is to be used for one purpose—to sustain the ministers whom the Lord has annointed to do His work. It is to be used to support those who speak the words of life to the people, and carry the burden of the flock of God. . . . Those who have charge of our church buildings are to be supplied with the means necessary to keep these buildings in good repair, but this money is not to come from the tithe.

A very plain, definite message has been given to me to give to our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which, though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said the tithe is to be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from God's arrangement. God will judge them for these things.

One reasons that the tithe may be appropriated for school purposes; still another would reason that canvassers and colporteurs should be supported from the tithe; but a great mistake is made when the tithe is drawn from the object for which it is to be used—the support

of the ministers. There should to-day be in the field one hundred well qualified labourers where now there is one. God cannot look upon the present condition of things with approval, but with condemnation. His treasury is deprived of the means that should be used for the support of the gospel ministry in fields nigh and afar off. Those who proclaim the message of truth before great congregations, and who do house to house work as well, are doing double missionary work, and in no case are their salaries to be cut down. use of the tithe must be looked upon as a sacred matter by our people. We must guard strictly against all that is contrary to the message now given.

The impression is becoming quite common that the sacred disposition of the tithe no longer exists. Many have lost their sense of the Lord's requirements. The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for Himself. . . . More men would give themselves to the ministry were they not told of the depleted treasury. should be an abundant supply in the Lord's treasury, and there would be if selfish hearts and hands had not made use of the tithe to support other lines of work. God's reserved resources are to be used in no such haphazzard way. The tithe is the Lord's, and those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasures unless they repent. ELLEN G. WHITE.

"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."

The Rapid Spread of Our Work

In speaking of this subject I will mention only that which has been accomplished since the time of my connection with this people. A little less than thirty years ago I learned my first lessons about the message of truth we love so dearly. About that time our first missionary, Eld. J. N. Andrews, sailed from America for Europe. Others soon followed, and the work of giving the third angel's message to "every nation, kindred, tongue, and people" was then begun in earnest.

We have often read the statement that "the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice," etc., and we may have wondered how this would ever be accomplished. The prophet John often speaks of hearing voices. I will quote a few lines of these as they give the key to the subject. "I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters." Again he says, "I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters." As you stand near the ocean and hear the deep roar, you know it is not from any one wave, but rather by the many watery tongues that lap the shore. These are heard from continent to continent, from island to island, and from shore to shore.

Now let us consider what God hath wrought in the last few years. Every continent and nearly every land has been entered by our missionaries and the line of battle is extending every year. Our brethren and sisters in the home field are willing to share their funds and labourers to press the battle on to victory. A wonderful change has been coming over this people during the past few years, and to-day the Lord has hundreds of consecrated men and women ready to march to the front and enter the ranks of the workers in giving this last message to the world.

My brethren, do you hear the deep roar of voices that is going from shore to shore, and from land to land? It is not the great sound of any one or two persons, but "as it were the voice of a great multitude." Wher-

ever the work has been started it has found devoted followers who are being trained to give the "everlasting gospel" to the people.

Are you looking for a "sign" of the coming of our Lord? Let me assure you that this is one of the greatest that we have at this time. The gospel must go to the world "and then shall the end come." To me it seems wonderful to see how great a work God hath wrought during the few years that I have known this message. Unless we heed the Saviour's warning to "watch," the "loud cry" will be given and the work closed, and we will have no part in it. Now is the time that we should have our "loins girded about, and lights burning."

W. S. HYATT.

Our Kafir Mission.

I expect that many of our people are disappointed because they have not heard that this mission has been definitely located and in good running order ere this time. I think I can truthfully say that everyone who has had anything to do with the opening of this mission feels a degree of disappointment also. At the East London Conference we voted to open this work at once, but we had no money, and had to depend on our Sabbathschools for the necessary funds. months passed before we received anything, and then but few of the schools reported. Then six months passed and a few more were heard from, and the offerings were increased a little. Let me ask a question right here: Can anyone give me a good reason why about half of our Sabbath-schools should not report promptly? It is not uncommon for some of our schools to pass over one, two, or even more quarters, and we receive neither a report nor the offerings made by our people. Is it not time that some one should look after this matter, and see that all the funds are promptly sent to the office at the close of the quarter, and reports sent to the proper secretaries?

We are thankful for the interest our people

have shown in the mission work. Funds are slowly coming to hand, and we hope soon to have enough so that we can make a beginning for the Kafir people. This work must go. God will use us if we will be used, and if not, He will find others with whom to do the work. Nothing can stop this message from going to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. Our indifference may delay it but not stop it. Shall we not double our Sabbath-school offerings, and thus hatten forward this long neglected work? Are there not those who desire to make special offerings for the opening of this mission?

W. S. HYATT.

Object Lessons.

Again we invite all our people to join in an effort to dispose of the 400 or 500 "Object Lessons" still on hand. Some of these are in possession of churches or individuals. Brethren, can't you pay for these books? The school needs the money.

A sister in Uitenhage recently sold fifty copies, her first experience. Like many others, she thought she could do nothing, but she tried, and found a blessing and success in doing. How many will assist in this work? Don't wait for somebody else.

I. J. HANKINS.

Natal-Transvaal.

A meeting of our Executive Committee was held last Monday, at the Maritzburg office. Brother R. Bell was voted to fill the place vacated by Elder Altman as a member of the Committee. The meeting was quite a long one, many important questions being considered. It began with a heart melting season of prayer, which brought angels to our help, and the Holy Spirit to guide our deliberations. A spirit of earnest unity pervaded the meeting. It was voted among other things that our next annual Conference shall be held in connection with a camp-meeting, if possible, at Pretoria, next January 13-23.

H J. EDMED.

The Field Work

Basuto Mission.

It has always seemed a difficult matter to get native boys to connect with the Basuto Mission, where they might attend school and work for their board, and thus receive an education and a training that would prepare them to carry the message of truth to their people, but apparently the Lord has solved the problem, and young men are now coming forward to avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by the mission school at Kolo. We rejoice at this token of the Lord's guiding hand, and we trust that the school at Kolo may yet fulfil its high purpose in teaching and training these young men to become gospel workers, that the mountains and valleys of Basutoland may soon resound with the glad tidings of the third angel's message.

[We give below a part of a letter which we have just received from Brother Chaney.]

o. o. F.

DEAR BROTHER FORTNER,—We now have five boarding scholars. The two young men who came first asked permission to go home for some clothes a week ago last Friday, and they returned on Monday, bringing another young man about eighteen or nineteen years of age. Then last Friday the newcomer asked permission to go home for some of his clothes.

The other young men had told the people at their home that we had a good school, and that we charged no cash tuition, but that our house for boarding scholars was small, and that we could only take one more. So when the last boy went home I told him that we would find room for more if they would come. Then I went to Mohali (the local chief) and engaged for three months a hut just back of the mission property. This afternoon the boy returned, bringing with him another boy about fifteen years of age. He also brought the word that there are four other boys who want to come just as soon as they finish ploughing their fields. This means plenty of work for me, for which I am very glad.

I want to break up and put to use every

available square yard of the mission property to raise as much food for the boys as possible. And just as soon as the seed is in the ground we must commence making brick to build two, and it may be more, rooms for the boys. Then we must have a kraal and a shed for the cows, a carriage house, and a place for storing grain and forage.

The rain that we had about three weeks ago started the grass and small grain nicely, and things begin to look quite green now. I thought our peaches had been nipped by the frost again, but the little trees are quite full of fruit now. I hope you can send us £25 so we can get two cows, as we need them badly. The food question is no small problem with us up here.

J. A. CHANEY.

Improve Opportunities.

As we came from Cathcart, Mr. P., a gentleman I knew in Grahamstown years ago, came to our carriage window, looking for a seat. I spoke with him and invited him into our compartment; we were alone. Conversation soon turned to the war, then to prophecy, the Eastern question, Spiritualism, man in death, and almost every phase of the truth. He often remarked that we were having an interesting study; that the journey seemed short because of our pleasant and profitable conversation. We talked till late at night, and then when we had retired and turned out our lights, he would ask another question, and I would answer it. At Rosmead Junction, I spoke to a young man who was also distributing literature; and asked him to ride with us to Naauwpoort, where he changed for O. R. C. We had a very interesting study till eleven o'clock on the advent, the millenium, the Sabbath, etc. The young Welshman said he received much light and seemed to greatly enjoy the conversation. He gave me a good supply of tracts, and I returned the compliment, taking his name and address. He seemed a sincere Christian, willing to receive truth.

We gave Mr. P. a good supply of literature also before we parted, and received an invitation to visit his home.

At another time, after a visit with an intelligent lady on the train, I transferred her name to my pass book, taking it from the labelled parcels which I handed out of the window. We have since sent her the Sentinel, tracts, etc., and have written her. What the result is, I don't know. I only know that we sowed some good seed. Let us all improve our opportunities, and if they do not come to us, let us go to them. Read again Miss Dick's experience in last MISSIONARY. She went to her neighbours, visited the sick, distributed literature, and now she is busy improving her multiplying opportunities.

These experiences are given for the encouragement of those who are timid and don't know how to work. If we will go about, we will find opportunities for doing good. This is Christianity.

I. J. HANKINS.

From Cathcart

A letter from the gentleman who was so much interested in Cathcart, says:—

"Saturday being the busy day here is the only thing that now stands in my way and prevents me from fully accepting the truth.... Since I began to study the Scriptures, my conscience seems to prick me and tell me that I ought to live according to the light that I have received. God helping me I will do so before long."

This is not the only man in this country whose conscience troubles him. "Multitudes in the vally of decision." Let no one become weary in sowing the good seed. Pray for these halting ones.

1. J. HANKINS.

Extracts From Letters.

It seems providential that I did not leave East London when I intended a few months ago, for the interest now is better than it has ever been. Not that we have such a good attendance at our public meetings, although there are some nice people who come regularly, and several strangers are always present, but the most of my readers are a good class of people, and the majority of them are convinced of the truth. A gentleman and his wife seem ready to take their stand. A young

man who has also expressed his desire to live out the truth, is one of the brightest young men I have ever met in connection with my work in this country. He is capable of entering any branch of the work.

There are at least six others with whom I am reading who are fully convinced, so that you can see that it is a critical time with the work here just now. I think I told you of two young men who are coming to our house for Bible readings. One of them is a local preacher in the Baptist church.

D. F. TARR.

We have had precious experiences in the canvassing work since we left the Cape. The Lord has revealed to us the blessing He has in store for those who take up the work of the Master. We would not sell our experience for all the money the world can give us. We feel sure the Lord is leading us, and our courage is good. Pray for us that we may continue in the good cause.

JOHN H. DE BEER AND WIFE.

Respecting the "Object Lessons" proposition, I shall be glad to take up the work. I find the smaller books easier to sell, so will take a few of them as helps. Am still canvassing Uitenhage, and will be for some time yet.

MRS. E. F. POTE.

The Lord is certainly blessing us in our institute work. We had a visit from Brother Mason last Sunday, and we showed him what we are doing by using simple, home improvised methods in dealing with sick people.

Maritzburg, Natal. I. R. ARMER.

I used to so dread the thought of being away from all church privileges, but I have proved that isolated members have joys and blessed experiences that those who meet in companies know nothing about. God will bless the efforts of all who try to spread the knowledge of the truth. It is a great privilege to be allowed to work for Him.

FANNIE E. BOURNE.



Educational.



Union College.

Our school year is fast drawing to a close. Already we are entering on the last quarter. Plans must be laid to encourage the young people and to urge the parents to send them. Can you not help us fill the College with young people—your own or those of your relations or friends? Is there any more important work at the present time than that of recruiting young people for the Lord's ranks? The work that lies nearest to our church members is to become interested in our youth, not one but all. "Who can determine which one of a family will prove to be efficient in the work of God?"

Every child who comes to the College is impressed with some principle of truth. These are carried to the different homes, and seeds are sown that will spring forth and bear fruit to the glory of God. Help us, then, to fill our school by recommending the College to your friends. Send us the names of such, and we shall gladly forward literature to them.

C. H. HAYTON.

College Finances.

A word or two in regard to the finances of the College may not be out of place at the present time. At a recent meeting of the College Board, called to consider the financial standing, the following items appeared:—

Bills payable 68 16 4 Cash 14 9 4 Salaries due 31 8 4 Debts 277 10 6

These figures show that at the end of the third quarter, the College is unable to meet its present liabilities. There is just £14-9-4 cash on hand with which to pay bills amounting to £100-4-8. Of this £227-10-6 which is due us, the value of £182-7-1 is owing from Seventh-day Adventist parents whose children are at present attending school, and £95-3-5 is due from outside parents.

Now brethren, this condition of affairs should not exist among us. You who owe the College, let me urge you to pay these debts. Surely you do not desire to see the school of God's own planting fail financially. Tuition should be paid in advance, for it is upon this income alone that the College is supported. Let me appeal again to our brethren to pay their tuition promptly.

C. H. HAYTON.

Our Sabbath School

And Abram "removed . . . unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, . . . and there he builded an altar unto the Lord." Such was Abraham's custom wherever he went. As soon as he made a home for his family, he instituted the services of divine worship. No doubt it was by this means that he was enabled to "command his children and his household after him."

If this plan resulted in good to Abraham and his household, would it not result in the same good to us? Many of our people are deprived of church privileges, but this does not necessitate the loss of divine worship, and the study of God's Word. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." And don't you think that if the members of a family would come together sometime during the Sabbath, not only to take part in prayer, but to bear testimony in an informal way, regarding their Christian experience, that all, both children and parents, would be more careful of their words and actions during the week? You know parents can't be irritable and overbearing, or the children disobedient, and then come together for a little family testimony meeting, without making some confessions and renewing forgotten resolutions. The worshippers at such a gathering are too intimately associated to make any pretense of goodness. Each heart is an open book, every fault is laid bare. Such a service would be a real purifying process weekly, and each first day would see a new life begun.

As with the testimony meeting, so with the Sabbath-school. It should have its place by the side of each family altar, if that family is Many do have a study of the Sabbathschool lesson. This is good, but would it not be better for the children and better for the general work if there were a simple organisation also? If no superintendent is appointed, the children do not learn how to act as superintendents; if there is no secretary, there is no opportunity to become acquainted with the duties of that office, and no one gets any experience in writing interesting reports; if no contributions are taken, the children miss an occasion to be generous, and the Kaffir mission receives no assistance; if no report is made to the general secretary, no one knows of your work and success so to be encouraged thereby. So you see how much better it would be to have order and system in your work. Some say methods and forms are all nonsense in a family school, but such persons don't know. Their inexperience does not balance evenly with the experience of the many who have tried these suggestions. Don't say, "Can't" until you have first said, "I'll try."

We wish to publish a list of all the Seventhday Adventist Sabbath-schools in the Colony. It is desired that the family schools be included also; so please send in the names as soon as possible.

Abraham commanded his household as well as his children; and the Bible mentions his "trained," or, as the margin gives it, "instructed" servants. Who has something to say on this subject?

EVA MILLER HANKINS, Sabbath-school Secretary.

From a communication just received from the General Conference, regarding Sabbathschool work, we quote the following:—

"It was much desired by all secretaries that some definite decision should be made at this

Conference, so that all might work in unison. The subject was freely discussed by all the secretaries present, and all seemed to be in perfect harmony with the following plan of reporting:—

"That the number of schools reported should include the family schools, which are families of three or more members, which are regularly organized and keep a record of their school in the manner which is best suited to their requirements. Small schools which are formed by members of different families shall be recognized as regular schools, although their membership is very small.

"The present membership shall include the number in each department of the school, including the Home Department. The Home Department shall be composed of isolated individuals who cannot attend regular or family schools.

"The thought was suggested that our labourers who are going from place to place, and can not be regular members of any school, should report under the Home Department to the general secretary."

—We are requested by the International Tract Society, Capetown, to notify all subscribers to foreign periodicals that now is the time to renew these subscriptions. Send your renewal to the Capetown office within the next two weeks, and you will not be disappointed by having your papers stopped.

—Do not fail to read the testimony on the first page of this paper on the subject of "The Use of the Tithe."

SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORT

FOR QUARTER ENDING 30TH SEPT., 1905.

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You will always be friends with God if you keep His Commandments.

Cape Colony Canvassing Report, Sept., 1905

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Kenilworth, Cape.

—Elder Sturdevant reports the completion of the new church building at the Solusi Mission.

—On the 9th inst., Elders Hyatt and Armitage left the Cape for a trip to the Eastern Province in order to find whatever prospects there may be for establishing our Kafir mission work on a permanent basis. After spending a short time there, they will proceed to Rhodesia. During his stay at the Cape, Elder Armitage has improved greatly in health.

—Sister F. C. Bourne, of Fauresmith, O.R.C., wishes to thank all those who have kindly sent papers and tracts to her for distribution. She has made good use of the literature, some of it going to the adjacent villages and farms. A constant supply could be used to good advantage. Sister Bourne would especially like to receive copies of the *Instructor* and *Little Friend* regularly.

—The best missionary work that our people are doing in this country to get the truth before the people is the distribution of the South African Sentinel. During the earlier months of this year the Sentinel had a circulation of only about 2,500. Since the month of March the number of these papers used has steadily mounted upward until the October issue reached the 6,000 mark. We do not want this work to decline; neither do we want the number of papers used to remain stationary. Let all who are not making use of the Sentinel write at once and have a certain number of this messenger of truth sent to them each The paper is doing a good work. month.

—A little girl in Natal, only twelve years of age, went into the city to sell a number of Sentinels. A lady who purchased one of

these papers found the truth and began to attend the Sabbath services. She soon expressed the desire to cast in her lot with God's remnant people. Would that there were many more, old and young, who were willing to go and do likewise. Send for a monthly supply of Sentinels to use in your vicinity.

—We have been asked by a subscriber to express our opinion as to whether it is right or wrong for Seventh-day Adventists to raffle, or shoot at targets for prizes, provided the proceeds are devoted to missionary work. This manner of raising funds for missionary work is not recognised in the Bible as a part of God's plan for the support of His work. The tithes, which are His own, and the freewill offerings, are the means which have the approval of God for carrying on His work. Some other churches resort to raffling and other forms of lottery in connection with church fairs, all for the purpose of raising funds, but these things have never found favour in any Seventh-day Adventist church. Shooting at targets, of itself, may be a healthy recreation, but raffling, being a form of lottery, and containing the element of chance, should undoubtely be discouraged, as it leads young people in the wrong direction.

Young People—Attention!

We are authorised to announce the publication, about October 15, of a volume of "Addresses for Young People," by President Charles C. Lewis, of Union College, College View, Nebraska, U.S.A. It will consist of ten addresses, given on various occasions during the past fifteen years, principally before audiences of young people. Just the book to save young people from skepticism, and inspire them to seek an education and lead pure and noble lives. The book will contain about 300 pages, and will be durably and handsomely bound. It will form an appropriate and valuable present for any young person, and may turn the current of his life into broader, deeper, and purer channels. Price 4/6d per copy postpaid. Orders received at once and filled with first copies from press. Send for descriptive pamphlet, giving sample pages, and telling how to secure a copy free. Address correspondence, and make orders payable to Union College Press, College View Nebraska, U.S.A.