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“Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest.”

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God's Tenth.

WHEN good old Jacob learned to give
One-tenth to God of all he had,
He found that he with ease could live,
And blessings came to make him glad.
Maybe you owe to God a debt—
Pay up at once—lest you forget!

'Tis said this law was set aside—
Some boast they are no longer bound—
But, if love makes the path more wide,
It would a better way have found.
No better plan has reached us yet!
Pay up at once—lest you forget.

“But I am very poor,” you say,
“With scarce enough to eat and wear”;
Perhaps you've robbed God's tenth away
And lost the blessings He would share.
Of all men you are most in debt—
Pay up at once—lest you forget.
—*Victorian War Cry.*

Is It Right?

THE question has been asked, “Is it not right for us to keep back our tithe and use it as we think best, if we believe it is not being used as it should be, or if some worker is not doing just what we think he ought to do?” The answer to this question is easy if we first settle another, viz., Does the tithe belong to us, or does it belong to God? The word of the Lord gives us a plain answer to this question: “All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord.” Lev. 27:30. Here we are told that *all* of the tithe is the Lord's. More than this we are told that it is *holy* unto the Lord. Just as the Sabbath is holy time, and belongs to God, and we have no right to use it for secular purposes, so the

tithe is sacred, and to be used for God's work only.

Now let us suppose that we are renting a farm or a vineyard, and it is definitely specified that one tenth of all that is raised belongs and shall be turned over to the owner of the land; and that it is not to be used by us under any circumstances. But when the time comes to turn over to the owner what belongs to him, we say, “No, I am not going to give you a thing.” We are asked why we have taken this strange and unreasonable attitude, and we reply, “I saw some of *your* servants at their work, and they were not working as *I* think they should work; they were unfaithful to you, and I am not going to have my money go to pay such men.” What would our landlord say under such circumstances? Most likely he would reply, “What is it to you whether *my* servants are faithful or not? You do not owe them. It is me you owe. I will attend to my own servants. I will settle with them for their unfaithfulness. You are seeking to rob me of what is my own. Render to me what is my due or you shall answer for it at the bar of justice.”

What does God say of us when we keep back the tithe? He calls it robbery, and says that such a course is under His curse. Mal. 3:8, 9. Would we think of saying to our grocer, “I will not pay you for the groceries I have had, because some of your servants are not faithful?” Never. And shall we be unfaithful to God and rob Him because we think perhaps someone else is un-

faithful? Shall we not be as honest with God as we would be with our fellow-men?

Through the testimonies of His Spirit, the Lord has given us some very plain instruction along this line. In Vol. IX, page 249, is the following: “Some have been dissatisfied, and have said, ‘I will not longer pay my tithe; for I have no confidence in the way things are managed at the heart of the work.’ But will you rob God because you think the management of the work is not right? Make your complaint plainly and openly, in the right spirit, to the proper ones. Send in your petitions for things to be adjusted and set in order; but do not withdraw from the work of God and prove unfaithful, because others are not doing right.”

Again, on page 247, we read: “God has given special direction as to the use of the tithe. He does not design that His work shall be crippled for want of means. That there may be no haphazard work and no error, He has made our duty on these points very plain. The position that God has reserved for Himself is not to be diverted to any other purpose than that which He has specified. *Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe to use according to their own judgment.* They are not to use it for themselves in *any* emergency, nor to apply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord's work.” “There should be in the field one hundred well qualified labourers where now there is but one. . . . If our churches will take their stand upon the Lord's work, and be faithful

in paying their tithe into His treasury, more labourers will be encouraged to take up ministerial work." Page 249. Is this not just what we all want to see? More workers are needed everywhere. The work is urgent and must be quickly done. If all will be faithful in carrying out God's plan we shall soon see more workers in this field giving the message to those who know it not. If you have been unfaithful in the past, and God's work been crippled because of your unfaithfulness, will you not decide *now* that you will join the Lord's ranks, and follow His commands, and help to push the battle to its final triumphant victory?

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

E. R. WILLIAMS.

A Visit to Maritzburg.

AFTER a very warm greeting from the brethren who were on the Maritzburg platform to meet me, the first thing that attracted my attention as I walked to the Natal Health Institute, was two nurses in their pretty blue costumes and bonnets, carrying several copies of *Ministry of Healing* in their arms. They were delivering; and reported having already delivered over fifty copies that day. How encouraging! Only lost two orders! Dear old father Bell drove his missionary horse, "Bob," and trap—which have ever been used generously for our sacred work—and they continued delivering—in cold and rain—for two days, until over eighty copies of this valuable book were in the hands of the people. These two sisters, Irene and Susie Fourie, were happy in their work, and even the horse seemed to smile.

But other good things awaited us: We found that the health institute is prospering well. It looked a worthy

place to represent our message. A band of happy, healthy, Christian workers, each contributing their quota of help to make the work go, under the guidance of Doctor and Mrs. J. J. Bell, and the matron, Sister M. Dixie. Already the nurses have delivered enough copies of *Ministry of Healing* to pay for their first shipment of two hundred and fifty. The balance will liquidate the debt on the institute, and provide improvements much needed in the equipment.

This year the institute has a clear profit of *cash* amounting to £138 18s. 10d.; besides paying for the two hundred and fifty books. The following is a summary of work for the month:—

Number of meals served, 602; treatments given, 104; *Sentinels* sold, 19; *Signs of the Times*, 64; *Present Truth*, 37; *Good Health*, 69, plus 2 subscriptions, and 1 subscription for the *Signs of the Times*. Total, 192. Value, £3 1s. 2d. Orders taken for *Ministry of Healing*, 70; *Coming King*, 1; *Christ Our Saviour*, 1. Total, 72 orders. Value, £26 14s. Books delivered, *Christ Our Saviour*, 1; *Ministry of Healing*, 58. Total delivered, 59. Value, £21 7s.

Surely a report like this will cheer us all, for it not only shows what is being done at this medical institution, but it shows that our nurses are training on right lines to take their places in the field when their course is completed as medical evangelical nurses. May the Lord continue to bless Doctor and Mrs. Bell, and their company.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

Visit to Kimberley.

LEAVING Claremont in company with Elder W. S. Hyatt, we made a short visit at Kimberley. We spent the Sabbath with the church, and Sunday and a part of Monday we spent at the Baths.

We enjoyed the hospitality of Brother and Sister David Sparrow, and were pleased to learn that the

work in the treatment rooms was moving forward on a safe financial basis.

We were also pleased to learn that some of their patients are inquiring after truth. One brother, who is a local preacher of the Church of England, attended one of our services, and requested an interview on different points of our faith. He is now studying the Sabbath question with more than ordinary interest. He dates the beginning of his interest in our work and faith to a hasty, sharp answer which he gave to a sister who sought to sell him a paper. Being a gentleman he decided an apology was due her, so visited her at her home for this purpose. He then began reading with the result that he is with us on almost all points of the message. I shall be disappointed if he does not soon accept the whole truth. Others are interested, and the good seed that has been sown will doubtless bear much fruit.

The Baths have purchased a good property adjoining them, and repairs that will greatly improve the place will be made soon.

R. C. PORTER.

The Little Waggon.

THIS is the name given by the natives to the gospel waggon operated by the Maranatha Mission. In response to a long standing invitation, I have just spent five days' time with the waggon and some of its workers. I can give only a brief and faint outline of our experiences during this time. Eternity alone can tell it all, but I am glad to report to you a little of what God has wrought for, and with us.

Brethren Burton, Moko, and myself left Debe Nek with the waggon on Tuesday night, August 30th, and reached Knapps Hope the next day. This has been a Congregational mission station for many years, but is not being used as such at present, although there is a church and living house in quite good condition. A

Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

The Paper Work.

Cape Conference, for week ending September 2, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mrs. J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	S. A. Signs,	16	8 0
Mrs. P. E. Frost,	East London,	Misc.,	24	6 8
D. H. Groenewald,	Bioemfontein,	Misc.,	53	1 6 6
Mrs. M. E. Smith,	Claremont,	Misc.,	78	10 6
Mrs. E. George,	Cape Town,	Sentinel,	39	3 3
Totals, Agents, 5			210	£2 14 11

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending September 2, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
E. van der Molen,	Helpmakaar,	D. R.	36	9	7 11 6	10 6	8 2 0	4 7 0
T. G. Crouch,	Pretoria,	D. R.	40	9	8 13 0		8 13 0	14 18 6
E. Enochson,	Bethal,	P. P.	23	1	1 1 0		1 1 0	18 3 0
H. Schmidt,	Maritzburg,	B. R.	62	14	14 5 6	7 0	14 12 6	6 13 0
E. Edie,	Germiston							
	Location,	Misc. (1 month)				8 0	8 0	8 0
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	H. H. B.	9½			10 0	10 0	2 2 3
Totals, Agents, 6			170½	33	£31 11 0	£1 15 6	£33 6 6	£46 11 9

Cape Conference, for week ending September 2, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	C.O.S.	36	4	14 0	12 0	1 6 0	5 0 6
Q. H. Jubber,	P. E'beth,	P. G.	24					14 19 6
P. E. Frost,	East London,	H. M.	22	8	2 12 0		2 12 0	5 4 0
Totals, Agents, 3			82	12	£3 6 0	12 0	£3 18 0	£25 4 0

school, consisting of about one hundred and twenty children is held in the church. Weekly meetings are held by the leaders with ministerial help from Fort Beaufort monthly.

During the day while we were there, the people flocked to the waggon for relief from their physical ailments, although some came for spiritual assistance. We were kept busy from morning until night learning their needs, giving treatments and mild remedies, extracting teeth, warning against harmful practices such as drinking tea, coffee, etc., showing and selling our good literature, and pointing them to the great Physician who forgiveth all their iniquities; who healeth all their diseases.

Each evening they gathered at the church, where Brother Moko gave a very interesting lecture on Bible subjects, especially those relating to our time. Then Brother Burton and I spoke for a few minutes. From the very first their interest in the different phases of the message increased steadily and strongly, in spite of Satan's efforts to the contrary, and at our last meeting—Sunday morning—in response to their request, we took their regular service. It was one of power, and will not soon be forgotten by those who were present. As we gave the Word based upon Rom. 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," Brother Moko interpreted and the Holy Spirit convicted and comforted. Strong men and women and young people wept, and when an invitation was given for Christians to have a closer walk with God, many gladly responded, and, I believe, drew near to the compassionate Saviour who poured upon us His Holy Spirit in strong and heavenly currents.

O that we all might "cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

One leading woman in the church said, "I want you to pray that I may be a Rahab—that is, be delivered

and saved with you people when the great destruction cometh."

The teacher there, who is a very intelligent man, has bought several of our books and is planning to secure others. He came and studied the Sabbath-school lesson with us and seemed to enjoy it.

Mr. Cummings, the trader, and members of his family, attended all the services, and each day kindly sent us a splendid vegetarian dinner which we greatly appreciated. The natives brought us eggs and mealies.

We were most cordially and strongly urged to return and tell them more of these new and wonderful things pertaining to the gospel of the kingdom. I hope the brethren will be able to respond to the call. I think Elder Hyatt's visits there had prepared the place for our coming and work. Brethren and sisters, this line and method of labour appears to me to be as practical and effective as any that I have as yet seen. It combines medical missionary, ministerial,

health reform, cooking, school, Bible, and canvassing work, all in our "little waggon," and I wish there were one hundred instead of only one in the field.

Let us pray that God will bless this work and the workers, and "that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

These few days have been like a pentecostal camp-meeting to my soul, and have caused me, more than ever, to "desire a better country, that is, an heavenly." "Hasten on, glad day."

G. H. CLARK.

Interesting Figures.

THE book sales in the union for the month of August, or up to the 26th, amounted to £235 11s. Deliveries, £203 18s. Paper sales were £77 1s. 9d.

"Go on, brave canvasser and true,
Bear forth the burden laid on you,
And send the sacred heralds forth
To east and west, to south and north."

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The New "Signs."

THIS magazine is now on the press. It contains timely instruction on Sunday legislation, and on religion in public schools, which the last Testimony says should be given wherever these questions are agitated.—Page 51. Every one of our people should read this number of the *Signs*, and then do all he can to circulate it. The Lord says, "There are *many* who can help in the work of selling our periodicals." He also says, "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelising ministry of the Word *in our books and publications*," and that "the gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities *without delay*."

Satan is organising his forces for the final conflict. What are we doing? Now, just now, is the time to place our literature in the hands of the people. I believe you will all be pleased with the new *Signs*. Order a copy at once to read and study; then you will want to order a few copies for friends and neighbours.

Send your name and address and a six-penny stamp to the office, and you will receive the *Signs* by return post. Let the regular workers send their orders *at once*, if they have not already done so. Let us give this number a wide circulation. Who will help?

I. J. HANKINS.

Sentinel Special.

THE November number of the *Sentinel* will be the "Union—Pageant" number. It will be well illustrated and filled with matter relating to present local issues. I wish every club might be doubled, and that we might circulate 10,000 copies

of this special. Three persons at Claremont have ordered 1,040. The students will help to sell the paper during "pageant" week. Shall we not double our present order, and give this special the circulation it ought to have?

I. J. HANKINS.

Report of the Hydro Bellair Institution for August.

TWO HUNDRED and nine treatments were given in the institution, and twenty-four outside. Nurse Hamilton was called to Charlestown for the month for home nursing, and gave in all thirty-five treatments.

The Hydro has continued to be well patronised, every room being occupied through the entire month.

MRS. MARY BAUMANN,
Matron.

Notes.

—IT was stated in last week's issue that Elder I. J. Hankins had been asked to take the oversight of the paper work in the union conference. It should read Cape Conference, and not union.

—Already some of our mission workers are planning to attend our camp-meeting and conference. Plans laid at this early date will be sure to bring the desired results. May their anticipations be fully realised.

—On September 10th the ordinance of baptism was celebrated at the Claremont Church. Eleven received the rite, ten of which were students of the College. The service was conducted by Elder Hankins and Brother Ryan, church elders.

—It will be of interest to some to learn that the mining company near the Somabula Mission which closed down about a year ago owing to the mission about seventy pounds, and Elder Walston feared they might never be able to collect it, has been paid in full by the company.

—Dr. Williams and family arrived at the Cape on the afternoon of the

10th inst. On account of not being able to supply the doctor's place as ship's surgeon, he was forced to return to England with the ship. He will return again to the Cape as soon as possible, which will be the latter part of October. Sister Williams and little daughter remained here.

—Sister H. C. Olmstead of the Emmanuel Mission is now at the Plumstead Sanitarium for the treatment of their little daughter, Lola. The physician gives hope that it will recover, and already the symptoms are better. Little Lola is but seven weeks old, and five of the seven has been spent in suffering. Sister Olmstead will remain at the Cape for some months.

—Elder Walston writes that they will have their new mission school-house ready for use in a few days. They have an enrolment of sixty-five students now. Their new huts are all completed, and they are getting the ground ready for the crops, and as soon as the rains come they will begin planting. They are having calls on all sides of them for out-schools, and expect soon to establish several new schools. The health of the family is good, and all are of the best of courage.

—Brother J. R. Mtimkulu, our native pastor at Bloemfontein, reports the work as onward in his territory. He has been going to Richmond every morning and conducting meetings in the location there. The location contains about three hundred people. He says he has been able so far to win one soul as the result of his Bible readings there. His words are: "We are hunting again as busy hunters, with the bow and arrows in our hands, ready to let them fling. Remember the work here in your prayers. Forget us not."

Something to Do.

Employment, employment,
O, that is enjoyment!
There's nothing like something to do.
Good heart occupation
Is strength and salvation,
A secret that's known to but few.