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### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK.

NEXT Sabbath; March 12, is the date set by the general conference for a collection to be taken in all of our churches for the religious liberty work. For some time this work has not received the attention that its importance demands. There was a time when as a people we were alive on religious liberty; but, as Satan has seen best to do his work under cover, we have lost our interest. Because of this it has been necessary to discontinue the *Sentinel of Liberty*, in spite of the fact that it was established in harmony with the counsel of the Spirit of God. This intensifies the importance of our pushing the other branches of this important work. It is to make this possible that the money which it is hoped to receive from this collection is to be used. The National Reform workers have been especially active of late; for this reason let us give liberally.

L. F. STARR.

### WHAT CONSTITUTES TITHING.

TITHING is plainly taught in the Scriptures. Nearly every one of our people admits that there is a wonderful blessing to those who pay an honest tithe. As we visit among our brethren we fear that some have not a clear understanding of how to pay, or what constitutes the tithe. We will consider this question from the standpoint of two classes, the day-laborer and the farmer. The first question will be to decide when the tithe should be paid, after the expenses are all paid or before. To illustrate: If a man is earning ten dollars a week, would it be prop-

er for him to first pay his house rent and buy food and then pay the tithe of the remainder? or should he take the tithe out first and then live on the nine-tenths? The Word of God does not leave us in doubt in regard to this. In Prov. 3:9 we read: "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase," not the last fruits. So the Bible way is to take out the tithe the first thing. This is the way for all who earn money by the week, and will include ministers, Bible-workers, etc. Now, another point. Here is a man who gets forty dollars a month, and who, of course, is to pay his tithe first and then live on the nine-tenths, furnishing his own board and lodging. But another man gets twenty-five dollars a month and his board and lodging free. Now the question is, Will it be proper for the second man to pay tithe on the twenty-five dollars on-

ly, while the first man tithes the whole of his forty dollars? Ought he not to consider what his board and lodging would be worth, and add that to his wages before he pays the tithe? Would not this be an equality? The same principle would apply to sisters working out by the week. Some may get seven or eight dollars a week and have to furnish everything themselves, while others may get three to five dollars and their board and lodging. It certainly seems that there should be an equality. And it is true that those who are paying tithe from a high conviction of sacred duty will place a proper value upon these temporal necessities.

Now when we come to the farmer, there are many things to be considered. With him there will be some difficulty to determine a proper tithe; but we are to be governed by principle. Many of our farmer brethren receive less cash than do many of our day-laborers, but at the end of the year they generally come out considerably ahead of the day-laborers. Some, we fear, pay the tithe out after they have lived throughout the year. If this is proper and right for them, surely it would be right for the other brethren to pay the tithe of what is left after their living has been paid for. But, surely, this is not correct. Lev. 27:30 makes this plain. It says: "And 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." It does not say that after we have used one-half of it we should tithe the remainder. It certainly is proper for our brethren who live on farms to tithe before they eat. There is a point, however, that is proper to be considered in this connection, and that is the situation of the renter. He has a farm on which he pays two hundred dollars rent, and from which he gets one thousand dollars proceeds. When is he to pay the tithe? Surely he has a right to take out the two hundred dollars for rent and then tithe the remainder.

## THE GREATEST OF ALL.

1 CORINTHIANS 13, AMERICAN STANDARD REVISED VERSION.

**I**F I SPEAK with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil: 6 rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; 7 beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall be done away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; 10 but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child: now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know fully even as also I was fully known. 13 But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

This principle will also apply to those who have their farms unpaid for and have to pay interest. The garden ought also to be tithed. We should take out the tithe, or consider what it properly would be, before we take of the produce of the garden, and in like manner, the poultry, the eggs, and the butter. I would think it proper that farmers having hired help pay the help before they pay the tithe. When stock is sold, let the tithe be set aside first.

Brethren, this is a matter of great importance. We believe we must be faithful in keeping the Sabbath. But are not God's other requirements also to be faithfully obeyed? Then let us ask God to help us to "bring all the tithes into the storehouse," and receive the blessing that is promised.

E. G. OLSEN.

#### CITIES OF REFUGE.

THE sixth commandment is the only one of the ten that can be broken accidentally. Whenever others are violated it is through ignorance, carelessness, or willfulness. In the days of ancient Israel, God, in His kindness and compassion provided cities of refuge where he who accidentally slew his neighbor might go and be safe from the penalty of the law. Once safely housed, the pursuing officer had no power to punish him. These cities were not for the willful transgressor. He had no place in them.

Praise the Lord, that His name is a strong tower into which the righteous run and are safe. Christ is the righteous One. By means heaven-provided even the willfully ignorant and careless one may find refuge. Repentance manifested by confession of sin entitles any and all to a place of safety. The earthly cities of refuge were sometimes far away, so it might occur that the officer could overtake the fleeing one and thus all his hope be lost. But God our refuge is nigh unto us all, pleading with outstretched hands that we flee to the everlasting arms of safety. The decision may be made so quickly that no officer or enemy will be able to hinder us in the short journey, or, when once we are there, to pluck us out of His hand or deal us any harm; for, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." MRS. D. A. FITCH.

"THE blows against sin that count are not made with the mouth."

"TRUTH can not be expressed where sincerity is suppressed."

#### GIVE US MORE MUSIC.

MUSIC, sweet child of heaven, sent to soothe the souls of weary humanity with thy delightful strains! Who can listen to the glorious sounds of the organ unfolding the beauties of Handel, Haydn, and Mendelssohn, as their great imaginations composed them, and be unmoved to the fact that their origin is heaven-born? Can we not almost fancy that we hear the angels chanting their celestial praise to the great Creator? Then when we hear the sweet music of the choir as it joins in the grand chorus of praise, or as some flute-like voice pours forth its soprano in a marvelous flow of melody, are we not equally enraptured? Is there tught which elevates the soul of man, for the time being, sufficiently to appreciate the sublime love and majesty of his Maker, as music?

Give us, then, music in our homes and churches. We believe it to be one of the means vouchsafed to debased humanity to raise them from the depth into which they have fallen, and we firmly believe if more attention were paid to this means of grace, many would be redeemed from the pit of infamy, to which the unaided voice of reason from our pulpits falls as upon hearts of stone.—*Selected.*

#### BIBLE STUDY.

THE student of the Bible should be taught to approach it in the spirit of a learner. We are to search its pages, not for proof to sustain our opinions, but in order to know what God says.

A true knowledge of the Bible can be gained only through the aid of that Spirit by whom the Word was given. And in order to gain this knowledge we must live by it. All that it promises, we may claim. The life which it enjoins is the life that, through its power, we are to live. Only as the Bible is thus held can it be studied effectively.

The study of the Bible demands our most diligent effort and persevering thought. As the miner digs for the golden treasure in the earth, so earnestly, persistently, must we seek for the treasure of God's Word.

In daily study the verse-by-verse method is often most helpful. Let the student take one verse, and concentrate the mind on ascertaining the thought that God has put into that verse for him, and then dwell upon the thought until it becomes his own.—*Education.*

#### FROM THE "SOUTHLAND."

BEING advised by many to "goaside" for a time, I obeyed, and, leaving North Carolina, arrived at Battle Creek, Michigan, November 13. I had a pleasant and profitable time, and met many dear Iowa friends. Twenty-nine were present at an Iowa re-union held at the home of Bro. R. A. Hart. I also enjoyed the many good meetings, for the good Spirit of Christ was manifested.

February 10 I left for the "Southland, and on the way to Eufola stopped off at Hildebran and Hickory. At Hildebran I found Father and Mother Shireman well and of good courage. Bro. Squires is busy in the blacksmith shop. Sister Squires' health is much improved. Sisters Emma Rogers and Viola Shipley are busy in the school work. Eld. Shireman and I drove eighteen miles to Taluca, where we met Sister Habu and Earl and Minnie, formerly of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who are happy in their new home. At Hickory I found all of good courage. During the winter term of the church school two teachers were required. The present membership is fifteen. Bro. Burton Church is the teacher. He came just in time to relieve Sister Alice Kendall, who was taken sick with the measles.

I am now at Eufola, with Mother Bosworth and Jessie, who are well and of good courage. Next week I will be in Statesville, my new field of labor. The coming of the Lord never seemed so near, or the work so great, as now. My heart is full of praise to Him who hath done great things for me.

MOLLIE R. LONG.

#### WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR THE BLIND?

We believe that most of our seeing friends, those who read the *Review*, know what we are doing, and will therefore not take time and space to give you the history of our work. There is but one religious paper printed for the blind in America, and we are thankful that God has placed the burden of this work upon us. The *Christian Record* is the first and only one of its kind in the world. This magazine was started more than four years ago, and since that time we have been trying as best we could to bring the work before the minds of the brethren and sisters; and we feel confident that when they realize what is needed and who it is that is to be warned, they will gladly respond to our call.

More than eighty thousand educated blind people are appealing to us for something to read. Will we turn them away? or shall we give it to them? This gospel of the kingdom must be preached to those in double darkness. These thousands can be reached. But how? you say.—Simply as thousands of our seeing brethren and sisters are reached every year—by literature. We are printing for this class—the blind—and can supply hundreds, but we need financial support in order to meet the pressing demands made upon us daily. Can you not give something to this worthy enterprise? Your State has an institution for the blind, and this school is educating hundreds; but they receive no spiritual instruction, and many go away worse for having entered the school. We therefore appeal to you to aid us in supplying the blind in your State with literature.

The two systems used by the blind in this country are the American braille and the New York point. We have enough literature printed in either of these systems to educate the blind, and give them a fair knowledge of the most vital points of the S. D. Adventist faith. What can you say to a work like this? Do you say, Amen; go ahead, and we will support the work? or do you look upon it as something that is of no importance? The regular subscription price of the *Record* is two dollars a year. This magazine is printed monthly and contains thirty pages. Each one of these papers contains about as much reading matter as is found in eight columns of the *Review*. Please consider the matter carefully and prayerfully, and send us your subscription, and influence some of your friends and neighbors to do so, too, if possible. Send all subscriptions to the Iowa Tract Society.

L. N. MUCK, *Editor*.

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THE BOOK WORK.

WITH THE CANVASSERS.

LOLA A. NORTON: "I am of good courage and know the Lord is blessing our work. We have had many very strange experiences, but they only make us more firm in the precious truth. I am thankful for the privilege of working in the Master's vineyard."

SIMON J. PINES: "Although my delivery was not large, the Lord gave me success and I delivered all my orders. I have not been out canvassing for two weeks, I have not forgotten those who were out, and I pray for them often. It is not possible for me to spend all my time in the canvassing field, but I hope to soon get my work arranged so that I can go to canvassing again."

WE regret to learn that four of our canvassers have been obliged to give up canvassing for a short time because of sickness."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 26, 1904.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps
GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
John Manuel.....	13	3	\$ 7.25	\$ 1.25
Robert Wilkinson.....	4	1	2.25	3.75
Mrs. M. E. Merida.....	4	1	2.75	\$ 3.75
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
Walter A. Will.....	20	2	\$ 2.75	\$2.00
Sarah Christopher.....	27	4	5.50	2.00
Anna Dirksen.....	35	3	4.25	1.75
Lola Norton.....	20	5	7.00	1.00
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	31	13	\$16.00	\$3.70

DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Simon J. Pines.....	4	\$4.00		

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	9
" " orders.....	32
Value of ".....	\$ 47.75
" " helps sold.....	\$ 19.20
Total value.....	\$ 66.95
Value of deliveries.....	\$ 4.00

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

NEITHER.

"WELL, I can not understand why a man who has tried to lead a good, moral life should not stand a better chance of heaven than a wicked one," said a lady, a few days ago, in a conversation with others about the matter of salvation.

"Simply for this cause," answered one: "Suppose you and I wanted to go into a place of amusement where the admission was a dollar; you have half a dollar, and I have nothing. Which would stand the better chance of admission?"

"Neither."

"Just so; and, therefore, the moral man stands no better chance than the outbreking sinner. But now suppose a kind and rich person who saw our perplexity presented a ticket of admission to each of us at his own expense; what then?"

"Well, then we could both go in alike; that is clear."

Thus, when the Saviour saw our perplexity, He came, He died, and thus obtained eternal redemption for us, and now He offers you and me a free ticket. Only take good care that your half a dollar does not make you proud enough to refuse the free ticket, and so be refused admittance at last.—*Ex.*

"THE study of the book of Daniel is of vital importance in the time of the end; for there is converting power in every part of it. No doubt some who read these lines have studied this book in the Sabbath-school many times. Do not let this series of lessons pass without gaining spiritual strength that you have never before possessed."

"A THOROUGH study of the book of Daniel will lead the student into every book of the Bible, and give him a deep spiritual growth based upon a knowledge of the Word of God. Will you gain it?"

"THE best of a book is not the thought which it contains, but the thought which it suggests; just as the charm of music dwells not in the tone, but in the echoes of our hearts."

"THE vices of others we have before our eyes; our own are behind our backs."

"A MAN'S greatness is seen in his recognition of goodness."

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DES MOINES, IOWA, MAR. 8, 1904.

—STATE camp-meeting, June 2-12.

—MISS ANNA CAMP, of Moscow, came to Des Moines last week to attend the Bible school.

—MISS NETTIE SMITH, of Marshalltown, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. J. O. Beard, of Des Moines.

—MISS MOLLIE LONG wishes us to call attention to the fact that her address will be Statesville, North Carolina, for a time.

—MISS ESSIE FERGUSON, who is teaching the church school at Winterset, is spending a short vacation with her mother, Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, who is located at Stuart this winter.

—MISS MABEL NOGGLE, of Marshalltown, is home on a short vacation from her work as head of the culinary department at Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

—ELD. J. O. BEARD, of the Iowa Tract Society, and Bro. J. W. Dorcas and Dr. J. Edgar Colloran, of the Sanitarium, are in attendance at the Central Union conference at Omaha. Those of the workers passing through Des Moines and stopping at this Office on their way to the conference were: Eld. and Mrs. G. R. Hawkins, Misses Katie Earle and Jessie Welsh, Bro. A. F. Ferguson, and Prof. Floyd Bralliar.

—A SHORT time since word was received in Des Moines that a young man supposed to be Bro. Geo. Bishell had been killed by a train near Villisca. This report was authenticated later, but those who had been acquainted with Bro. Bishell will be glad to know that he was observing the Sabbath at the time of his death, and that as far as can be known he was prepared for the great enemy which overtook him so suddenly.

—THE following statement from the noted Russian biologist, Elic Metschnikoff concerning the immortality of man is worth passing on: "Science can not admit the immortality of the conscious soul, for consciousness is a function of special elements in the body that certainly can not live forever. . . . Death brings absolute extinction, and it seems unbearable because of the condition in which it surprises us. It comes before man has finished his physiological development, and when the instinct of life is strong."

### NOTICE TO OUR PEOPLE.

OUR Bakery prices are based on a wholesale mail order basis, but our volume-of-business is too small for us to continue the present low prices and heavy discounts. If the volume of business can be doubled, we can continue the present scale of prices; if not, we will have to raise the price of health foods. If you can send us business, we can maintain the present schedule; if not, we will have to change in the very near future. The price of zwieback and granola has already been raised, for they have been manufactured and sold at a loss for some time.

IOWA SANITARIUM BOARD.

—PREPARATIONS are being made to publish a special number of the *Southern Watchman* about May 1, which will be devoted to a consideration of the subject of the second coming of Christ. The plan will be to present this subject in a clear, brief, and concise manner, and in simple language, so that it will reach the common people. In view of the present difficulties in the far East, and other startling events that are taking place, this certainly is a most opportune time for bringing out something pertaining to the special signs of our times. This number will be profusely illustrated and printed in two colors, and will be furnished at the following rates: Single copies, 5 cents; 5 to 24 copies, 4 cents per copy; 25 or more copies, 3 cents per copy. Those ordering 25 to 90 copies may have them sent to different addresses at the rate of 4 cents per copy; 100 or more copies to separate addresses, 3½ cents each. Order of Iowa Tract Society.

—THE Sabbath-school lessons for next quarter will be on the book of Revelation. Those who have had trouble in understanding the seven seals and the seven churches will be glad to know that a special help on these subjects will be gotten out. It will be by Eld. M. C. Wilcox, and will be called "The Seven Seals and the Seven Churches." It will contain a colored insert illustrating in a very happy way the churches and seals. Price ten cents. By the way, it is not too early to order your lesson pamphlets for next quarter.

—THE S. D. Adventist church at Marshalltown has just been re-papered and re-varnished, and the brethren there hope to brighten up the outside before long with a fresh coat of paint.

—A CORRECTION.—The tithe report in the BULLETIN of two weeks since showed \$30.63 tithe from the Hawkeye church. This should have been \$83.33, \$52.70 of the Hawkeye tithe having been credited to the Hartley church.

—WE are glad to announce a new edition of Eld. A. T. Jones' pamphlet, "The Great Nations of To-day." This presents their rise, present relations, career, and destiny, in connection with a clear and concise treatise on the seven trumpets, the three woes, the third angel's message, the three-fold messages, Babylon, the beast of Revelation 13 and its image in all its phases and workings, the hour of the judgment come, and the setting up of the everlasting kingdom of God. It has 257 pages, and sells for 25 cents.

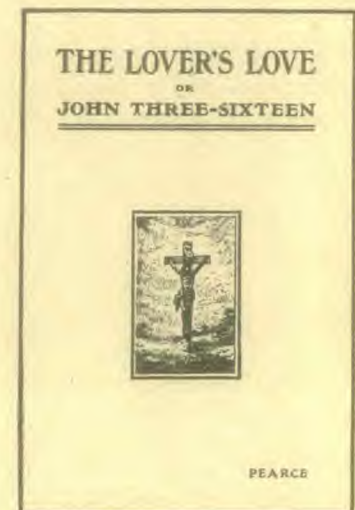
### BUSINESS NOTICES.

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WANTED.—A man to work on the farm for the season or by the year. Address F. J. Harrison, Truman, Minn.

WANTED.—Employment on the farm with S. D. Adventists for the coming season by an experienced hand aged 18. Address Inor Nelson, 1503 Division St., Burlington, Iowa.

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