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**GOD'S OWNERSHIP.**

We read in John 17:22 that God, the Father, and Jesus, His Son, are one. They are one in purpose and work. Jesus was with His Father when He created "all things," and He was the agent in creation. Paul says: "For by Him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: All things were created by Him, and for Him." Col. 1:16.

As creator of "all things," God is the rightful owner of "all things." Let us read a few passages and see what God claims of all that men possess. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." Psalms 24:1. "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills." Psa. 50:10. "Thou hast also taken of thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver which I had given them." Eze. 16:17. "The silver and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of host." Hos. 2:8. We find from reading these passages that the earth, and the cattle, and the fair jewels, gold and silver are all the Lord's. He owns them: He has created and made them; therefore God lays His hand upon all man's possessions, saying: "I am the owner of the universe, and these goods are mine."

**THE LORD HATH GIVEN THE EARTH TO MAN TO HAVE DOMINION OVER IT.**

In Psa. 115:16 we read: "The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth hath He given to the children of men. God himself formed and made the earth. He created it not in vain, but to be inhabited. To the inhabitants He giveth life, and breath, and all things. To the sower He giveth snow and rain from heaven that watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater. (Acts 17:25; Isa. 55:10.) For all these blessings God only asks, or rather reserves a meager revenue, a tenth.

**THE TITHE IS HOLY, AND BELONGS TO THE LORD.**

God only asks man to pay the tenth for all the God-given blessings. But He wants us to be honest with Him. A tithe is a tithe from what we use that is the Lord's, the ground we till, cattle, sheep and horses. Yes, silver and gold. All the tithes 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. 27:22. "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy

seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. . . . And the firstlings of thy herd and of thy flock: that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God, always." Deut. 14:22, 23.

Abraham paid a faithful tithe to priest Melchizedeck of "all things." Gen. 14:17-24. Jacob said "Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Gen. 28:21, 22.

"It is a heaven appointed plan that men should return to the Lord his own; and this is so plainly stated that men and women have no excuse for misunderstanding or evading the duties and responsibilities God has laid upon them." Test. Vol. 6. P. 387.

God requires his people to be faithful in the tithe as long as He has a work to be done on this earth, and it wants to be mingled with true judgment, mercy, faith and the love of God. Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42. Paul says: "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the temple?" (The tithes were brought to the temple,) "and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar. Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel shall live by the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:13, 14.

In conclusion we quote the following from Test. Vol. 6, p. 388. "Man, finite man, tho' using for himself the talents which God has reserved to publish salvation, to send the glad news of a Savior's love to perishing souls, tho' hedging up the way by his selfishness, inquires, 'Wherein have we robbed thee?' God answered, 'In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.' The whole world is engaged in robbing God. With the money He has lent them men indulge in dissipation, in amusements, revelings, feasting and disgraceful indulgences. But God says, 'I will come near to you to judgment.' Verses 8, 9, 5. The whole world will have an account to settle in that great day when every one shall receive sentence according to his deeds."

I am glad "the Lord is long-suffering and gracious and to those who have done this wickedness He gives another opportunity" by saying, "Return unto me and I will return unto you." If we know that we have robbed God, let us return to Him his ownership, let us settle all our accounts quickly, before He brings us into judgment and finds us guilty of robbing Him of his tithes and offerings.

A. E. JOHNSON.

**SOME IMPORTANT GATHERINGS.**

General meetings will be held at the following places on the dates named:

Severy, January 2-5.

Altoona, January 9-12.

Cambridge, January 16 to at least 19.

These meetings will be conducted by Elders Russell and Parmele, and possibly Elder McReynolds. It is hoped that our churches in these neighborhoods will make a special effort to attend these meetings. Come prepared to stay from beginning to end. It might be well for those coming from a distance to bring bedding with them.

## THE KANSAS WORKER.

### A BOON TO ISOLATED MISSIONARY WORKERS: AND A HELP TO ALL.

Hereafter the isolated missionary worker and the small church will be supplied with the Signs at the same price as the largest church.

That rate is seventy cents per copy on clubs of five or more.

This is an important change and is certainly one that will appeal to thousands of our brethren and sisters who cannot secure papers through a large club, and cannot afford to subscribe for a few copies at the rates which have been in force heretofore.

It will also recommend itself to such members of large churches as take five copies through their church clubs inasmuch as they may have them sent direct to their own name. It is true that the rate on these large clubs will be slightly increased, but the greater convenience of a personal club and knowledge of the fact that their loss is a gain to the isolated member will outweigh the increased cost.

#### ANOTHER AID.

From any one who is taking a club of five papers, we will accept single additional subscriptions at the rate of 83 cents per year. In other words we will only charge the club rate of 70 cents plus the cost of sending out such paper separately, which is one-fourth cent each, or 25 cents per 100. This offer will greatly help those who are engaged in missionary correspondence, and who may not wish papers sent to an individual more than a month or six weeks. Often the person to whom the papers are sent, if written to at the first, will either write his appreciation of the paper or refuse to accept it within that time, in which case it may be changed to another person without additional cost.

Then again there are many churches that would gladly use larger clubs if they did not have to pay postage, at the rate of a cent a copy. If they will send in their lists of names to which they wish papers sent, we will send in the same way for 25 cents per 100 besides the price of the papers.

To make this missionary feature practical and helpful to all, we have secured the services of an experienced man in Tract and Missionary work, a man in fact who has been laboring in a State Tract Society office for a number of years, and will see that the papers are neatly addressed, carefully wrapped and promptly mailed each week. Where sample papers are ordered out, he will have each marked "Sample Copy" and will attend to all other technicalities required by the Post Office authorities. All these attentions to details will greatly add to the appearance and influence of the papers and will make easier the work of the missionary correspondent.

#### SPECIAL TERMS.

We have not changed our special terms to those taking less than five papers. They are as follows:

One new yearly subscription and one renewal, or two new yearly subscriptions, sent at one time, \$2.50.

Two new yearly subscriptions and one renewal, or three new yearly subscriptions, sent at one time, \$3.25.

Three new yearly subscriptions and one renewal, or four new yearly subscriptions, sent at one time, \$4.

#### SPECIAL TO AGENTS.

We also have a class of agents who are selling 100 or more copies of the Signs weekly from house to house. The results of such work have been most excellent, and to encourage these individuals we have made them a special rate of \$1 per 100. This is only allowed where 100 or more are taken weekly, however. This rate will be continued.

It is our desire to co-operate with those in the field, hence the foregoing arrangement. They will add much to our work here, but this work we will look upon as our part and will be done to the best of our ability.

Further information will be gladly given on request.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

### THE BOOKS ARE PAYING THE DEBT.

To the many patrons of Union College we take pleasure in making an announcement of how matters have stood since the beginning of the enterprise. Many have entertained the idea that Union College has been running behind in the matter of running expenses, but this is not the case. The institution has not run in debt to keep up expenses, but on the other hand has kept up expenses and has spent something over ten thousand dollars in improvements, since the buildings were built, in putting in the sewer, electric lights, water plant, etc. The debt of the institution was incurred in this way: When the buildings were erected, the money for the purpose was obtained, partly by direct donations and partly by sale of land which had been donated to the Conference for that purpose. Much of this land was sold for cash and the money promptly turned into the building fund, but some \$65,000.00 worth of this land was sold and notes taken in payment for it. Now these notes themselves could not be used to complete the buildings, so, depending on these notes, the General Conference borrowed \$65,000.00, giving General Conference notes for same, and with the money, completed the work. Just following this came the financial crisis of 1893 and onward. This so lowered the prices of property about Union College that most of those who had given their notes to the General Conference, simply turned the land back to the Conference and refused to pay their notes. This left the General Conference with the \$65,000.00 debt, which, with the interest, had grown to some \$79,000.00 when the proceeds of Christ's Object Lessons was donated to the work by Sister White.

Returns have been coming in from the sale of this book, and the debt is now growing smaller,—a cause for rejoicing for all. As a result of this work, we have received the amounts given below, all but the Personal Donations and the Kansas Building Fund coming directly from the sale of the books, and these two are also a result of the movement:

Iowa Tract Society,	\$6,000.00
Nebraska Tract Society,	5,000.00
Kansas Tract Society,	3,506.00
Colorado Tract Society,	2,800.00
Minnesota Tract Society,	1,577.24
Personal Donations,	1,165.60
Kansas Building Fund,	694.59
Dakota Tract Society,	593.85
Missouri Tract Society,	500.00
Manitoba Tract Society,	100.00
Total,	\$21,937.28

All this money has been paid out on the debt to those who hold interest bearing notes against the General Conference. This reduces the debt to some \$57,000.00, and we are encouraged to believe that the Object Lessons will liquidate the whole. The Lord has said that if we do our duty the debt can be paid in this manner, and we therefore pray earnestly that the good work may continue till the last dollar is paid.

J. SUTHERLAND,  
Business Manager Union College.

Bro. R. W. Parmelee is leaving the city today for Severy to attend some general meetings in the southern part of the state.

MISSION FUNDS.

Some confusion has arisen in regard to the method of handling the Sabbath School and first day offerings. Some states have pursued one method and some another and some churches in the same state have not had the same method as most of the churches in that state. At the last Council meeting of the General Conference Committee held in Battle Creek, Mich., the question was up and the following method was recommended to be adopted by all and it was hoped that all will see the good in being in harmony in this matter, with the body.

The Sabbath School collection will still be taken up by the Secretary as before but turned over each week to the Church Treasurer and the Librarian will still take up the weekly mission or first day offerings as before and turn the same over to the church treasurer each week. Thus the church treasurer is the sole custodian of all of the funds that come from the church, and other officers are relieved from responsibility of caring for and sending off money. The church treasurer will send all funds to the state treasurer at the end of each quarter or at the end of each month and he in turn will send all forward to the Union Conference Treasurer who will forward each to the proper place. It is generally in the sending of money where mistakes are made if any made and in this way we have but one person in each church sending money and the people at the head of these departments have fewer people to do business with. We are sure that you will see that this is a good arrangement and that it will be much more satisfactory when all adopt it? It will be necessary now that all of the church treasurers notice when they send in the money from the churches that the amount for each purpose is made clear and one draft, express order or postoffice money order will be all that is necessary to send. This saves time and expense and the state treasurers are requested to hasten the funds on to the Union Conference Treasurer and he will without delay, send all to the proper place at once.

C. MCREYNOLDS,  
Pres. Southwestern Union Conference.

THE JANUARY SENTINEL.

Our friends are telling us how well they like the December Sentinel of Christian Liberty. Many say that it is even better in its new form than in the old.

Have you seen it? If not there is still an opportunity to obtain a copy free. To all who subscribe now we will mail the December number, and enter your name for one full year, beginning with the January issue.

The January Sentinel will be a good one. Many of the old-time contributors are again writing for the journal. Here is a partial list of subjects and authors:

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| True Liberty,                                | Alonzo T. Jones. |
| Why Sunday Laws are Wrong,                   | A. G. Daniells.  |
| The Christian Ideal of a Civil Government,   | M. C. Wilcox.    |
| The "Protection" of Days,                    | Editor.          |
| "Civic Righteousness" as Some People See It, | Editor.          |

Price but \$1 per year.

Send your subscription to the Kansas Tract Society or direct to the Sentinel of Christian Liberty, 11 W. 20th St., New York City.

Bro. H. E. Kirk and family arrived in the city last week, and expect to make Topeka their home. Bro. Kirk will open treatment rooms here, and conduct a wholesale and retail health food business.

REPORTS.

ARGONIA.—We have spent the past two weeks in the neighborhood of Argonia, holding a series of meetings in a school house. Considering all, the attendance is good, the order is excellent, and attendance regular. We hope to do a good work. Pray for us.

E. W. VANCE AND WIFE.

A man not of our faith has expressed a desire to canvass for our books and is laying plans to attend the institute. He never heard a Seventh day Adventist preach. He borrowed one of our books (sold by a canvasser) and as far as he has read it, he is convinced that we have the truth. May the Lord inspire every heart to respond to the call and say, Here am I, send me.

W. F. SURBER.

GLEN ELDER.—Elder Truby began meetings here on Sunday Dec. 8, in the Christian church, after having preached for two or three Sunday nights. The attendance was quite good up to the setting in of the cold weather, and the interested ones have continued right along.

We are giving the prophecies a good study this week and a number seem much interested. I arrived here the evening of the 12th. The blessing of the Lord is realized, yet we need more of His power. Pray for the work here.

E. H. CURTIS.

OBERLIN.—When we began work in this part of the field, there were three adult Sabbath keepers here, living several miles apart. We began meetings in one place (between Traer and Cedar Bluffs,) and continued about 4 weeks. Then began in another place 6 miles south, and have been at that place now nearly 3 weeks with increasing interest. At present there are 10 keeping the Sabbath and the Sabbath School is constantly improving in attendance and interest. Elder Johnson was with us at the first place 3 days and at the latter over one week. There are others who seem about ready to obey. Other places near are calling for meetings, especially Traer and Cedar Bluffs. God is with us and we bless his name for the privilege of laboring in this part of the field. Elder Johnson must soon leave for the council at Topeka, but expects to return to connect with the work here again. We want your prayers.

W. H. WHITE AND WIFE.  
A. E. JOHNSON.

Dec. 9, 1901.

Sister Edith Cornforth writes from Wellington as follows:—Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ will lose his work on the railroad, but he told them "all right," for he could not work on the Sabbath. I praise the Lord that he was willing to give up all for Christ.

I find new ones that are interested and I believe with God's blessing that several honest souls will take their stand with us now.

I appreciate the many earnest prayers that are offered in behalf of God's work in this place and I know they are being answered. It seems to me that we have reached the time when the Message is to go with great power. I see people here that have had our books for years lying on the shelf. They now take them down and search them. People have come to me and asked me to study the Bible with them, although they were not personally acquainted with me. I pray the Lord to help me to give them meat in due season. I believe that the coming week of prayer will see an advance move in our work.

EDITH CORNFORTH.

A CARD.

To my brethren, sisters and friends, who, during the last sickness and at the death of my beloved companion, lent a helping hand, and extended kindly sympathy to me and to the one whose decease I mourn, I wish to express the gratitude of my heart. May He whose reward is with Him, render richly to each of you at His coming.

R. W. PARMELE.

A new ruling of the post office department forbids the sending of papers as second class matter to the subscribers who are in arrears. So when your subscription expires do not look for more papers until you renew.

We would like to hear from those who are planning to attend the Hutchinson Institute, in order to make proper arrangements for their comfort. Rooms and board will have to be provided. Begin at once to lay plans to attend this important meeting. We would like all to be there by the 22nd of January if possible, so we can begin the 23d, as was stated in the last issue of the WORKER.

W. F. SURBER.

Boundary Castle, Washington, D. C., Oct. 28, 1901.  
Good Health Pub. Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

GENTLEMEN: I cannot be too extravagant in my praise of Good Health. It has been of inestimable value in our household, quite revolutionizing many of our old unhygienic ways of living. I wish that every household in the country could read Good Health regularly.

I also wish that you might have the various yearly issues published together in book form. They would surely command a ready sale.

Very truly yours,

MARY FOOTE HENDERSON.

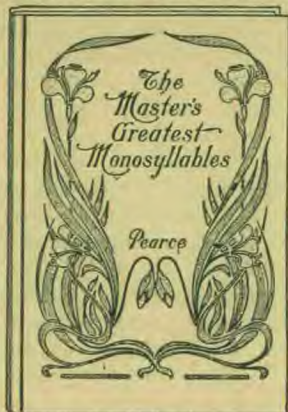
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WANTED.

A Seventh-day Adventist family to come to Horton, Kas., and run a hygienic restaurant. There is a good opening at this place. It is a railroad town of about 4,000 or 5,000 inhabitants and is constantly growing. There are between 300 and 400 men working in the Rock Island shops at present and they are planning to bring the main office from Topeka here, (but it is a good opening without it.) A large flour mill is to be built, too. Horton is planning for a big boom.

Is there not some one who is willing to come and in this way bring the Third Angel's Message to these people? There are only two Sabbath keepers in this place. For further particulars you may write to me.

Yours in the Master's service,

JENS JENSEN, Baker, Kansas.

AN EXPLANATION.

We have just received an order for some goods which were desired for distribution yesterday. This is not an isolated case of this kind, and so we desire to make the following explanation and suggestion:

Before the office was moved back to our present quarters, the mail was delivered to us five times a day. Now it is delivered at 11 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., and the order in question had been in town nearly 48 hours before it reached our office. There has seldom been a time when a letter has lain unanswered in our office over night; but as the mail is much slower now than it was formerly, our brethren will please place their orders a little earlier.

Bro. J. F. Balzer, Galt, Rice county, Kansas, wishes us to say that he can use German and English tracts and papers to good advantage in his canvassing work. Send post-paid to address given above.

REPORT OF COLPORTER WORK FOR TWO WEEKS, ENDING DEC. 28.

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