

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.
 Perhaps 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 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.

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THE COST OF OBEDIENCE .

For St. Paul the answer to the question, "What wilt thou have me to do?" was the beasts at Ephesus, the shipwreck on the Mediterranean, the dungeon at Rome, and the martyr's crown.

For the early disciples the answer was the swift, fierce blows of persecution, scattering them as sheep without a shepherd.

For John Huss it was a kindled fire. For John Coleridge Patteson it was the Pacific Islands and death at the hands of savages. For Ignatius it was the lions, for Polycarp and Savonarola the fire.

For the Waldenses the answer was the dens and caves of the Alps; for Livingstone, death in an African hut; for the early Methodists, the wilderness, the hunger, the stoning, the swamps, and death; for the Pilgrims, banishment, perilous journey over raging seas, and a bleak welcome to savage tribes and frozen shores.

For many the answer will be exile and loneliness, love and service in lands where they will see no white face and hear no familiar voice save His. Such a life will not be easy, but it will be worth living.--Selected.

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THE JOY OF THE LORD.

Our Saviour's joy was in the uplifting and redemption of fallen men. For this he counted not his life dear unto himself, but endured the cross despising the shame. So angels are ever engaged in working for the happiness of others. This is their joy. That which selfish hearts would regard as humiliating service, ministering to those who are wretched and in every way inferior in character and rank, is the work of sinless angels. The spirit of Christ's self-sacrificing love is the very essence of its bliss. This is the spirit that Christ's followers will possess, the work that they will do.

The church if Christ is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. Its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. And the obligation rests upon all Christians. Every one, to the extent of his talent and opportunity, is to fulfil the Saviour's commission. The love of Christ, revealed to us, makes us debtors to all who

know him not. God has given us light, not for ourselves alone, but to shed upon them.

If the followers of Christ were awake to duty, there would be thousands where there is one today, proclaiming the gospel in heathen lands. And all who could not personally engage in the work, would sustain it with their means, their sympathy and their prayers. And there would be a far more earnest labor for souls in Christian countries.

Many have excused themselves from rendering their gifts to the service of Christ because others were possessed of superior endowments and advantages. The opinion has prevailed that only those who are especially talented are required to consecrate their abilities to the service of God. It has come to be understood by many that talents are given only to a certain favored class, to the exclusion of others, who, of course, are not called upon to share in the toils or the rewards. But it is not so represented in the parable. When the master of the house called his servants, he gave to every man his work.

With a loving spirit we may perform life's humblest duties "as to the Lord." If the love of God is in the heart, it will be manifested in the life. The sweet savor of Christ will surround us, and our influence will elevate and bless.

You are not to wait for great occasions or to expect extraordinary abilities before you go to work for God. You need not have a thought of what the world will think of you. If your daily life is a testimony to the purity and sincerity of your faith, and others are convinced that you desire to benefit them, your efforts will not be wholly lost.

Mrs. E. G. White.

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IS YOUR MONEY SAFE?

That there is in the aggregate a vast sum of money in the ranks of Seventh-day Adventists is a fact beyond question. It is not a sin for a Seventh-day Adventist to have property or means in his possession. On the contrary, means secured in an honest, straightforward manner should be regarded as an evidence of God's special blessing and as a most sacred trust.

I am not an advocate, nor have I ever been, of the theory that the Lord requires those who have property to give it all to the cause. I believe the Lord wants many of our brethren to make money, and make lots of it. Property should be kept on the altar of sacrifice, subject to the demand of God's cause and the leading of His Holy Spirit.

How shall those who have money, which they think they ought not to donate to the cause, use it? Where can it be placed for safe-keeping? Several things appeal to one under such circumstances. The Spirit of Property states:--

"Many times when the Lord has opened the way for brethren to handle their means to advance his cause, the agents of Satan have presented some enterprise by which they were positive the brethren could double their means. They take the bait, their money is invested, and the cause and frequently themselves, never receive a dollar." Test. , Vol. , 5, p. 154.

Many turn to the banks, and they offer a great convenience to those who are doing business, but scarcely a month passes which does not record the failure of some great banking concern, supposed to have been among the strongest financial concerns in the country. The banks offer strongest temptations to their officers to engage in schemes of so-called "high finance", with the money of depositors, often resulting in widespread disaster and ruin of those who had confided in them. --A. T. Robinson.

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The above from the pen of Elder A. T. Robinson in the NEBRASKA REPORTER is of interest to many of our people. Here and there we hear of banks "going to the wall" and the depositors getting little from their deposits.

Some have money which they do not feel like putting in the banks and yet do not like to have laying around doing no good. To such I would call attention to the resolution passed at the Elders' Meeting in which we were advised to counsel our brethren who have means which they are not using to deposit in the conference without interest or at a rate of not to exceed that which they would get at the banks. This

would place money where it could be used in the Lord's work instead of being used to advance the work of the world. If any of our people have means for this purpose, I would be glad to correspond with them.

J. J. Irwin.

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

Another institute is in the past and the Lord had so worked upon the hearts of our young people that over twenty-five were in attendance and a profitable time was spent in studying the different books to be used in the field and the various methods of work.

Many of the students plan on entering the work as soon as school is out and seven or eight will go from the institute to their fields of labor aside from the old canvassers.

Brother Blosser was with us all through the institute and all were glad for the valuable instruction he gave. Brother Irwin conducted a series of Bible studies and we were glad to have Elder Bellows and Brother Peterson stop on their way home from the Elders' Meeting.

The Lord has been greatly blessing the efforts of the canvassers this winter for which we feel to praise His name. In February over six hundred dollars worth of orders were taken by our faithful workers and many precious seeds of truth have been planted in the hearts of the people and let us pray that God will water the seed sown and that many souls will take their stand for the truth with the remnant people.

The Lord has sent the angels before the canvasser to prepare the hearts of the people to listen to the truth and just now is the time to place the printed page in the homes of the people. Will not all pray that the Lord will continue to bless the workers in the field.

H. W. Johnson.

CANVASSERS' REPORT FROM FEBRUARY 12 to MARCH 18, 1909.

Name	Territory	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Value
Jas. Lowry	Clare	Great Controversy	120½	46	\$.50	\$142.00
Mrs. E. H. Goff	Alpena	" "	15	4	.50	11.50
M. C. Guild	Traverse City	" "		25		76.75
R. W. Coon	Houghton	B. R. & C. K.	58½	57	3.30	74.80
E. C. Collard	Laurium	Bible Footlights	26	21	22.25	58.25
Carl Matteson	Laurium	" "	131	27	77.65	104.65
K. V. Bjork	Hancock	Finnish Books	199	17	25.20	100.95
Mrs. L. A. Newell	Cadillac	Helps			.65	.65
H. W. Johnson	Petoskey	Great Controversy	1	2		7.50
F. W. Fenner	Laketon	" "	3	5	9.70	27.45
Totals			533½	204	\$139.75	\$604.50

H. W. Johnson, Field Sec'y.

"God would not flood me with blessings, meaning me only to repine
Amid all the bounties and beauties. He pours upon me and mine.
Therefore will I be grateful, and therefore will I rejoice!
My heart is singing within me! Sing on, O heart and voice! "

THE ELDERS' MEETING

This meeting was held at Mesick March 4 - 8. Quite a large number of elders were present at the first service Thursday night. There were a number of problems to be considered and it was thought best to have committees appointed to consider these points. Accordingly two committees were named as follows:

Committee on Plans, Brethren E. M. Peterson, M. Stephens, J. C. Jorgensen, M. C. Guild, Thos. De Moulpied, J. L. Mann, A. Irwin, and Robert Strong; The Finance Committee consisted of Brethren J. B. Goffar, D. O. Montgomery, T. W. Starkey, E. A. Bristol, J. B. Mathewson, Geo. Kitson, Fred Cowles, J. C. Reed, Samuel Midgley, and S. Bracebridge.

Elder Moon was with us and gave valuable counsel concerning the work we had before us. When the committees brought in their reports a full discussion was given by different members and the utmost harmony and unity prevailed.

On the resolution calling for special work with the temperance number of the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR it was felt that we ought to do our best to assist in getting temperance literature before the people.

The resolutions on finance were thoroughly discussed and all seemed to be anxious to carry them into effect.

All expressed themselves as being thankful for the privilege of the meeting and stated that they desired to do all in their power to extend the work of the message in their neighborhoods.

The work is onward in the conference and truly the Lord is blessing the work.

J. J. Irwin.

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT ELDERS' MEETING.

Report of the Committee on Plans.

WHEREAS, We are instructed that the health reform and temperance principles, long held by us as a people, are as the right arm of the message, and,

WHEREAS, Now is an opportune time for placing literature before the people, therefore,

1. WE RECOMMEND, That earnest, active work be done with the Temperance number of the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR.

2. WE RECOMMEND, That the territory adjacent to our churches be distributed and that the church members be asked to take definite portions of this territory and endeavor to place literature in each home.

3. WE RECOMMEND, That our elders encourage our people to assist and encourage our faithful canvassers in every way possible.

4. WE RECOMMEND, That each church elder do all in his power to encourage suitable persons to enter the canvassing work and that he notify the Field Agent of persons whom he can recommend for that purpose.

5. WE RECOMMEND, That our church elders hold meetings for counsel with the other officers of the church.

IN VIEW of the activity of the enemies of religious freedom,

6. WE RECOMMEND, That our people be encouraged to circulate the magazine LIBERTY by taking it in clubs, selling it, and securing yearly subscriptions from their neighbors and especially from business and professional men.

7. RESOLVED, That we are heartily in favor of continuing our Intermediate School for another year and that we will do our utmost to encourage our young people to attend.

WHEREAS, Great good has come to our churches from elders' meetings, therefore,

8. WE RECOMMEND, That these meetings for counsel be continued.

9. WE RECOMMEND, That the annual camp-meeting be held at the same place as last year.

10. RESOLVED, That we extend to the Mesick church a vote of thanks for their kindness and hospitality during the Elders' Meeting.

Report of the Committee on Finance

1. WE RECOMMEND, That the older people in our churches be asked to assist our young people in raising their share of the Equipment Fund.

2. WE RECOMMEND, That our people be urged to give one per cent of their income to create a fund with which to carry on the work of the North Michigan and the Lake Union Conferences, each to share alike.

3. WE RECOMMEND, That, in paying for the Tract Society building, we endeavor to raise the money in thirty days, but if there are churches which cannot pay in that time an extension be granted them, and that the amount be apportioned among the churches on the basis of the tithe.

4. WE RECOMMEND, That in the making of wills the people be advised to make the North Michigan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists the beneficiary and that in probating these wills the money be apportioned as follows: (a) 25% to the North Michigan Conference; (b) 25% to the Lake Union Conference; (c) 50% to the General Conference.

5. WE RECOMMEND, That where our people have money in banks they be advised to place it in the conference, either without interest or at a rate of not to exceed what they would get at the banks.

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OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS

Mesick

I am glad to report that the Lord is blessing the school work at Mesick. They have an enrollment of twenty-three with a good attendance. Miss Florence Grouch is teaching here, and the efficiency of the teacher, the industry of the pupils, and co-operation of the school board are commendable. Some of the older pupils are interested in "The Standard of Attainment." and a set of these questions were left with the church elder.

Traverse City

March 10th I visited the school at this place taught by Jane Sweet. Since Brother Guild went there they have built an addition to the church and it makes a very comfortable school-room. Altho one of the worst storms of the season was raging, yet a bright cheerful view met my eyes as I stepped inside. The clean walls and tidy appearance of the room, pictures and kindergarten work gave an environment that was wholesome. The school here, as the name implies is in the city and it is interesting to contrast their condition with some of our other schools; the thickly populated streets with the dense forests and broad meadows; the buildings seen from the window with the tall trees and rapid running streams that greet the eyes of other boys and girls. But one thing they all have in common, and that is our love for the message and getting a

preparation to give it to the world in this generation.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

Petoskey

The winter is nearly gone and spring will soon be here, bringing the birds, flowers and the warm sunshine which are reminders of God's love. These are fine days for study and as we bow daily to ask for divine strength, we thank God for the privilege of coming together to get a preparation for His work. Altho nearly all the pupils are young, yet they seem to have a strong desire to take some part in giving the last message to the world.

Several of our number availed themselves of the privilege of attending all or part of the sessions of the Canvassers' Institute. One of our eleven year old girls took up class work with "Coming King" and intends to canvass for the book this summer. Others are planning to sell the Temperance number of the INSTRUCTOR.

Nora M. Willaman.

Petoskey Intermediate School

(Extracts from report read at Elders' Meeting)

Knowing that all of you are interested in our conference school, I thought it fitting to write you something of its work. I call this "our school" because it belongs to all of us; and in what belongs to us, we are more apt to be interested than otherwise.

This school opened in Petoskey last October, and had thus been in session for almost six months and will continue for another month. There are in attendance about twenty of the best young people in the conference--young people who have an aim in life, who come to better fit themselves for service. Such students do not trouble the teacher in discipline for their time is too precious to waste in frivolity. If a greater per cent of the students in our schools were made of such material, there would be more workers in the cause today and the Lord's coming would be hastened.

About two thirds of the students are in the canvasser's band, which meets every week and we expect all to take the studies at the Canvassers' Institute to be held here March 5 - 15. Most of these students are planning to canvass for scholarships this summer. At least five are preparing to teach next year in our home field.

There will be four graduates from the tenth grade and next year there will, no doubt, be a larger class ready for service or to continue their studies in some of our higher schools.

Truly the school is costing something and I imagine I hear someone say, "Does it pay?" It surely does. Some may question the propriety of conducting a conference school when the young people may be sent to one of our sister conference schools for nearly the same money and save this conference the extra burden of carrying on a school.

All me to answer this by asking a few questions? 1. How many of your youth would have gone to school this year had there not been a school in your conference? 2. How many after finishing their course would return to the home conference as workers? 3. Does it pay? I will try to answer these questions so you may see the principle involved. I dare say that not one-fourth of those now in this school would have attended a school outside of the conference this year. Then, what? Not having received a Christian education some, no doubt, would give up the truth or be lost from the cause entirely. Does it pay? Christ would have died for only one soul? Would that have paid?

Then further, if the students are educated in the home conference, the conference officers and workers asan become better acquainted with them and know their worth; so if a vacancy occurs or a worker is needed, you know just what you are getting.

Now, brethren for the salvation of our youth and the progress of the truth in this conference, begin now to plan and work for a large attendance of worthy youth in our intermediate school for next year, that it may soon be said, "There is no lack of workers."

L. A. Jacobs.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

To Church Elders

Are there not some young people in your church who would like to take the Standard of Attainment examination for March? If so, send to the Conference Sec'y and get a set of the questions. Send and get them anyway, for you will be interested to know what they are.

Endowment Fund

Our Young People's Societies are responding to the call for the Endowment Fund. At the present writing twenty-one dollars and seventy-five cents have been received. The societies represented in this amount are Harris, Riverside, and Petoskey. One dollar has been sent in by members of the conference society.

Morning Watch Calendars.

Some of our church schools will soon be closing and the teachers may already be wondering what they can give to their pupils as a token of remembrance. The Morning Watch Calendar makes a neat gift that will give both pleasure and profit the rest of the year.

One sister organized a Sabbath-school in her neighborhood several years ago, and the interest has increased until now she reports a membership of eighteen. These are from families not of our faith and most foreigners. In the winter the farmers would hitch up their teams and bring all the children coming from their way. At Christmas time this sister ordered a supply of the Morning Watch Calendars for her boys and girls and as a result she writes that it has created an interest to get English Bibles. The public school teacher boards with her sister and is taking the Morning Watch study also. Are there any boys and girls in your Sabbath-school that would be benefited by studying the Morning Watch Calendar. This may be your opportunity.

A GOOD RECORD.

Miss Ericson, of the General Conference Department of Young People's work writes that North Michigan has the best Reading Circle record that has yet been sent in. Thirty-seven of our young people have been in their first review and received the benefit that comes from taking a thorough course in reading. It is that North Michigan is ahead that causes us to rejoice, but that so many of your young people are reading this good book--Great Controversy.

One minister said that at first it seemed to him he had not time to take the reading, but decided later that it would be as good as a term of school to him and so he is not only taking it himself but sent in eleven names of young people in his vicinity. When it came time for the first review this minister invited the young people to his home and spent a pleasant time with them in writing the answers to the questions sent out. Is there any better way to help our young people than to get them interested in good reading? May the Lord help us to improve our privileges and opportunities.

Special Program

"We have all been looking forward to the first of April when all divisions of our Sabbath-schools shall begin studying the life of Christ, as a time for rallying our people to a more thorough study of the Sabbath-school lessons. If we can only get this whole denomination to study these lessons as families, we shall see results for which our hearts have longed. Let us make every possible effort to arouse our people to their duty in this direction. We are truly nearing the end of this world's history. We must lay hold mightily to do our part in arousing those who have become careless and indifferent, and claiming for Christ those who know him not, else the harvest will soon pass, the summer be ended and many among us not saved."

It has been planned that in all of our churches, a special program be given about April 1 for the purpose of arousing an interest in the Sabbath-school lessons that will lead to a more thorough study of the Bible. The program will be found in the

March WORKER and if carried out will prove very profitable to our Sabbath-schools. We trust that all our church elders will unite with the Sabbath-school superintendents and give one church service to the rendering of this program.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

Copper Country Convention

On Sabbath, Feb. 27, we held at Hancock a Sabbath-school Convention, consisting of two sessions. Sabbath keepers were present from the different surrounding towns, also some visitors not of our faith, and we believe favorable impressions were made. This was our first experience in this line, and felt unequal to the task but were well repaid for our efforts. We have nothing but words of praise for the "Sabbath School Worker" as it was an invaluable aid to us in making the convention a success.

Papers were read on such subjects as "Object and Work of Our Sabbath-schools," "Duties and Qualifications of Sabbath-school Officers and Teachers," "A Model Sabbath School," "Home Department Work," "Study of the Lessons", "Review of the Lessons", "A Model Pupil". We gave place to a discussion after each paper. We found this very helpful in emphasizing the points adapted to our needs.

We might mention the fact that our Sabbath-schools in the Copper Country are sending all their donations to foreign missions and our aim is to increase them from quarter to quarter.

At the close of the convention program we indulged in a social season, expressing gratitude to God for his blessings, the benefit received from the papers read, and many re-consecrated themselves to a more devoted and faithful service in the Sabbath-school. Summing up the testimonies, they can be expressed in the one word, "Success." We believe the convention has given a new impetus to the Sabbath-school work in this part of the field.

The following resolutions were adopted to meet the needs of our schools here:

1. RESOLVED, That at the opening of our schools, at the tap of the bell, we will all bow our heads in a moment of silent prayer, and that our schools begin on time, not waiting for delinquents.
2. RESOLVED, That we improve in the manner of reviewing, teaching, and reciting the lessons, by not using the lesson quarterly or with open Bibles in these respective exercises.
3. RESOLVED, That we, as officers, teachers, parents, and scholars, devote more time to a careful, prayerful study of the lessons, if necessary to devote a little time each day so as to have well learned lessons.
4. RESOLVED, That we endeavor to show more interest and give more attention to the children's department.
5. RESOLVED, That we establish a Home Department in connection with our regular Sabbath-schools and that we each pledge ourselves to make it a blessing and success.

E. F. Peterson.

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ATTENTION!

A number of copies of the LAKE UNION HERALD are being sent out from this office to the churches. I hope careful attention will be given to the article in it by Elder Moon concerning Emanuel Missionary College. If all will take hold of this matter it will be a decided advantage to both the Lake Union and the North Michigan Conferences.

J. J. Irwin.

"Do what you wish to be found doing when Jesus comes."

THE RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1909.

Alpena - - - - -	\$14.24	Grant - - - - -	\$24.70	Menominee - - - - -	\$ 1.71
Baldwin - - - - -	4.00	Gaylord - - - - -	7.00	Onaway - - - - -	56.02
Cadillac - - - - -	6.85	Hancock - - - - -	13.03	Petoskey - - - - -	132.98
Cheboygan - - - - -	2.90	Helmer - - - - -	2.50	Riverside - - - - -	10.00
Colfax - - - - -	29.20	Hiawatha - - - - -	5.25	Scottville - - - - -	23.65
Clare - - - - -	11.20	Iron Mountain - - - - -	21.00	Soo - - - - -	4.00
Cleon - - - - -	10.00	Loetsville - - - - -	2.26	Stephenson - - - - -	23.00
Ensign - - - - -	1.05	Mesick - - - - -	14.03	Traverse City - - - - -	127.71
Eastport - - - - -	.65	Munising - - - - -	15.00	Wildwood - - - - -	10.10
Frankfort - - - - -	40.20	Manistee - - - - -	1.25	Wilson - - - - -	51.90
				Total - - - - -	\$667.16

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NEWS & NOTES

Brother F. W. Fenner reports three new Sabbath keepers at Laketon.

Brother H. W. Johnson left Petoskey March 17 for Cadillac in the interests of the canvassing work.

March 9, Brother E. A. Bristol was called to Resort Township, near Petoskey, to attend the funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Denton.

Brother T. W. Starkey reports that some excellent meetings were held at Clare the last of February and that all are united in the spread of the third angel's message.

WANTED: A position as housekeeper in a Seventh-day Adventist home by a middle-aged lady with two children. She desires a place near a church school. Send all correspondence to the North Michigan Tract Society, Petoskey, Mich.

What is your society doing with the temperance number of the INSTRUCTOR? Now is the time to place ourselves in the right light before the people on this question.

The Lord is surely blessing the seed sown in the Copper Country. Our four canvassers have had excellent success in their delivery, not losing more than two orders in all and they have had many precious experiences. Brother Collard delivered \$70. worth of books. One lady who bought several books from him and with whom Brother Peterson held some Bible readings has begun to keep the Sabbath. Brother Coon met a lady who had bought "Coming King" some years ago from Brother J. B. Fraser in the Soo. The husband became interested in the book and told her to take good care of it. When Brother Coon saw she had the book he was canvassing for he gave her a Bible study showing her we are living in the last days. She was much interested and wanted to know how much it would cost to have more Bible studies where her son could attend. Such experiences are of encouragement to the workers.

A most pleasant feature of the Canvassers' Institute was the last meeting held at the home of our Field Sec'y, Brother H. W. Johnson. Music, recitations, personal experiences related by the old canvassers, remarks by Brethren Irwin, Blosser, Bristol and Johnson, and a poem written for the occasion, comprised the program. The best wishes and prayers of the Petoskey church goes with our canvassers as they take up work in their respective fields.

Brother John Cover reports that the work in Manistee is onward. They have a Sabbath-school of sixteen and are holding Sabbath and mid-week meetings devoting the time to prayer and study of the Bible.