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TITHES AND STEWARDSHIP.

Concerning the spiritual and temporal benefits of devoting a tenth part of the income to the cause of God, we have numerous testimonies, not only by members of the Church, but by others who have put the law of tithing to a practical test. They have, in the language of the prophet Malachi, "proved" the Lord of hosts, and found that, as a consequence of their obedience, He has opened the windows of heaven and poured out blessings upon them.

One of these is Mr. J. C. Galt, of St. Louis. In an article in *Vincent* for June, this year, the story of his life is briefly told for the benefit of the young readers of that magazine. Mr. Galt, after several futile attempts at establishing a business, finally made a grand success. He, himself, sacrifices this to the fact that, 18 years ago, he began to give one-tenth of his earnings to church and benevolent purposes. He is ever aiming to give more, for, he says, "the more he gives, the more God blesses him." The writer of the article refers to the case of a poor boy, Wm. Colgate, who struck out in life to make a living in New York. He found employment with a soap manufacturer. From the start he gave a tenth to the Lord, and he had millions to dispose of for philanthropic purposes, and, finally, consecrated his entire income to the "Lord's treasury." Such are the test-

imonies of an ever increasing army of those who have tried the promises of the Almighty and found them true. The fundamental idea of the doctrine of tithes in the Mosaic dispensation was that the people and all their possessions, especially the Land of Promise, belonged to the Lord. The surrender of a part of the produce by the people was an acknowledgment by them of the divine supremacy. For that reason the firstborn of male children were "redeemed," and the first fruit of flocks or fields were given to the Lord and tithes were paid, for the service of the sanctuary, and other public purposes. It was an educational measure, necessary for the training of the people. In our dispensation the fundamental idea of stewardship still underlies the divine requirement of tithes. The essential part in the observance of that commandment is the acknowledgment of the Lord as the giver of all good, and the consequent acceptance of His gifts as "stewards" or administrators, responsible for the use of them. It is the relation of man to God that is expressed in the law of tithing. He who thoroughly understands this, will take care to be found a faithful steward, and he who is faithful in small things, will be found worthy of being entrusted with greater things. Such is the divine law, taught in all dispensations, during all ages.

TO CATCH THE DUST.

According to an item in the London Leader, a "dust catcher" has been placed in a convenient spot in Berlin, and the contrivance attracts considerable attention. It looks, the description says, like a chimney, but has a scoop-shaped opening at the top. The dust created by the sweep as it is driven past in the atmosphere, falls on to a specially prepared glass plate, which is removed at stated intervals. The used plate is immediately placed in an airtight box and taken to the laboratory of the city's sanitary specialists. There it is examined and a record kept of the nature of the dust found on it.

The object of this examination, we are further told, is to discover whether the dust that is whirled about in the atmosphere contains microbes, and if so, what kind. The authorities hope by this means to learn many facts of value to them in the battle against disease.

The experiment is one that could be made in advancing to all the larger cities. The dust blown up from crowded streets has always been suspected of being dangerous to the health of the people. A thorough analysis and microscopic examination would probably reveal the exact causes of danger.

A PEACE CONFERENCE.

The so-called Shakers form a sect about which not very much has been heard for some years, but at this time they are holding a peace conference at New Lebanon, their headquarters in the United States. Peace among nations, as well as among men generally, has been one of the watchwords of this religious association from the beginning, and it is but natural that they should come forward at this time in the interest of that cause which seems destined to become popular among the nations of the earth.

The Shakers of Lebanon valley are an agricultural people. At the present day they do not seem to have members enough to cultivate the land that is

theirs, but much of the outdoor work has to be done by hired men. But the Shakers hope that the time will soon come when their ranks will again be filled up, and the necessity of having "hiredlings" as they call them, will be done away with. Among their present industries are fruit growing, drying of medicinal herbs, manufacture of furniture, cattle raising, etc.

There are now in all, we understand, fifteen Shaker societies, whose communal unit is called a "family," consisting of from ten to seventy members. The sect was organized about 117 years ago by New Englanders, or their descendants, and many of the traits conspicuous in New England life of a century ago are still found in these communities. The Shakers are renowned for hospitality, kindness and charity. We believe if they take up the peace mission earnestly and intelligently, and cease to emphasize peculiarities which never can become universally accepted, they have a great mission before them, and one in which they can be supported by every man and woman who sincerely believes that the very object of Christianity is to bring peace and good will to all the children of the Eternal Father.

AFRICA FOR AFRICANS.

Dr. Karl Peters, who recently completed his researches in South Africa, returns to Germany, confirmed in the conviction that Africa will never be a white man's country. In other words, he believes that the effort at civilizing "the dark continent" will, in the long run, turn out a failure. South Africa, he says, is a mining region. As long as its supply of diamonds, gold, silver, coal, iron, etc., lasts, white men will always flock to it, but after that it will revert back to the black race.

Dr. Peters says that the so-called Ethiopian movement, with the motto, "The black continent for the blacks," is making headway rapidly. The champions of it are mostly ministers of the Abyssinian church, and the Zulu press is used as well as the pulpits, with results which Dr. Peters calls "simply astonishing." The treatment of the blacks by the English, with their so-called "contract" system, resulting in conditions not unlike slavery, is as oil on the flames.

That "Ethiopian movement" is a feature well worth watching. The Abyssinians, who are said to be its leaders, are a warlike race, and have given good account of themselves in the defense of their country against invaders. If they should open their country to modern ideas, modern civilization, they might become the champions of Africa, as the Japanese have become the champions of Asia.

Abyssinia is one of the most interesting countries of Africa. It is a mountainous region, difficult of access, and that is no doubt one reason why the people for centuries have preserved their peculiarities. Their manners, customs and languages are said to closely resemble those of the ancient Hebrews. Their own traditions claim that their ruler is a lineal descendant of King Solomon, and their national peculiarities can best be accounted for on the supposition that that tradition is founded on a historical fact.

PARLIAMENT FOR CHINA.

The world moves. The Russian Czar has proclaimed the year of jubilee in Russia, by calling a representative assembly to share with him some of the responsibilities of government. And now the Chinese are discussing the question of parliament for their country. A representative government within the Chinese wall? The world does move.

According to the Shanghai Times, one of China's foreign ministers has sprung the question. He is convinced that when the Chinese students now abroad return home, they will certainly commence an agitation for reforms, in the modern spirit. For that reason he deemed it wise not to wait for the popular agitation to commence, but to take time by the forelock. Accordingly he wrote to Prince Ching and suggested that he advise the throne to grant a parliament to the country. The question was first referred to Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai, Chang Chih-tung and Tsen Chun-hua, these three being considered the most enlightened of the high officers of the crown in the provinces.

They gave their views on the matter. Their joint reply was that as the country is not prepared for a parliament, the best way to educate the people up to the point required would be for each province to have an assembly consisting of members of the gentry and men of ability and means selected by the various cities and townships to represent them at their provincial capitals. The duty of these representatives will be to deliberate concerning provincial public works, educational institutions and the like and to advise the governor or provincial treasurer on them. After sufficient experience has been gained, then, and not till then, they reply, can a parliament in the broader sense be granted.

This, certainly, would be a good beginning, and one that would open the way for democracy in a broader sense. The Chinese statesmen show wisdom in taking into consideration the future effects of the education of so many young men abroad. The Chinese students of the University of California, in 1901, organized an alliance, whose object is to promote interest among Chinese students in matters pertaining to China. From its very beginning this Alliance has witnessed a very rapid growth. The membership has increased from 18 in October, 1901, to about 100 at the present time, and includes primary, elementary and secondary pupils, as well as university students, in every part of the United States. These young men, not only learn the arts and sciences as taught in the western world, but they imbibe western ideas of government, and they are certain to bring these home, when they return, and thus the light will spread. The Chinese government seems to expect this, and is

willing to meet the emergency, long before the country is threatened by revolution. In this respect the "heavenly Chinese" shows a clearer appreciation of the future than the "Christian" autocrats in Russia.

"Don't give up the interned ships." And they didn't.

Sakhlin has suddenly become one of the fortunate Isles.

They seem to be getting a good ready down on the advent.

With the advent of fall there should be a fall in the temperature.

"Japan has her Portsmouth," says M. Witte. She also has Port Arthur.

Clouds and bad weather eclipsed the eclipse of the sun nearly everywhere.

It is pleasant to think that there will be no more hot summer weather this year.

Next let Mr. Foster write a new chapter on American diplomacy in the Far East.

Senator Beveridge most likely will withdraw from sale "The Russian Adventure."

Has it come to this that, scratch a Louisiana and you find a yellow fever patient?

The peace of Portsmouth postpones indefinitely the break up and partition of China.

Henceforth Japan will always sit in the front row of nations, and very near the middle.

The man who is offensively glad to see you and gives you a hearty grip of the hand, is almost certainly a candidate for office.

If Hon. David R. Francis wants to run for President, he should get over that limp he was sporting around when in the west.

Mr. Rockefeller has not discovered "a new way to pay old debts," but he is reported to have discovered a new way to make educational endowments.

M. Witte is receiving congratulations from all sources save Russian officialdom. It is the old story of a prophet receiving no honor in his own country.

Southern cotton planters are wearing buttons on which is inscribed this legend: "We Will Bust Wall Street."

They would like to remember the Pike's Peak or just legend.

Lord Roberts is reported as speaking of the Indian empire as the brightest jewel of the British crown," says Goldwin Smith. They don't tell that kind of a story at the Tower of London.

Baron Komura, the Japanese, commissioner, is a very small man. He is said to weigh only 90 pounds.

Dr. Witte towers head and shoulders above him. Intellectually, though, he is a giant.

By disapproving certain portions of the findings in the Bennington inquiry and ordering Commander Lucien Young and Ensign Wade before a court-martial, Secretary of the Navy Honaparte makes it plain that he believes in the policy of "thorough."

It is the consensus of opinion of the Congressmen now in the Philippines that the Filipinos are not fit for independence. Those who are agitating for it are called theorists and demagogues.

It is in bad taste for American Congressmen to use such terms towards any people, no matter how unfitted for self government they may be.

LIGHTNING ART WORK.

Boston Globe.

On the breast of one of the two brothers killed in New York by lightning while bathing Sunday afternoon was imprinted a likeness of a tree. It was about eighteen inches long and was perfect even to the smallest details, including the coloring of the leaves. The likeness was burned deep in the flesh. Physicians are unable to explain this phenomenon, as there was no tree within several hundred feet of the spot, where the lightning bolt struck. The ways of lightning have long been past finding out.

FIT OF ECONOMY.

Harper's Weekly.

The following letter was received from his sister by a New Yorker who was on his way to a visit. "I am sending by mail a parcel containing the golf coat you wanted. As the brass buttons are heavy I have cut them off to save postage. Your loving sister, J. P. R. You will find the buttons in the right-hand pocket of the coat."

AGE AND BRAIN WORK.

London Chronicle.

The belief of Sir James Crickton-Brown, that brain workers, achieve their best work in later middle age, is easily confirmed by glancing at the careers of a few of the grand old men who are still with us, many of whom are as busy as in their younger days. Lord Roberts at seventy-three is still worth £1,000 a year to the nation as one of our imperial defenders. Lord Kelvin at eighty-one may startle us with further generalizations on the powers of old men. Sir William Muggleton at the same age will expose interstellar spaces, while the activity of the octogenarian Duke of Rutland and Lord Weymouth is as effective as ever in preserving the privileges of our old nobility.

HAY AND LINCOLN.

The Century.

As with Lincoln, so with Hay, the rough edges of untutored events and important individualisms were smoothed by a sense of humor and a larynging and ameliorating wit. The gifts were different but analogous. Likewise, while it may be said that Ninoy had something of Lincoln's gravity of mind and explicitness of statement, Hay had something of Lincoln's sentiment, brevity and balance of style, and imaginative grasp; while both shared the mighty President's love of country and devotion to its service.

VIRTUES OF EYE-GLASSES.

London Leader.

Between eyeglasses and worry there seems no intimate connection; yet the first may often be a preventive of the second. Even mail drier may yield to

a pair of spectacles. Suicide and insanity may result from the want of them. This is not a quick medicine advertisement. It is a statement of fact, based on the evidence of an expert. Writing in the *Lancet*, Ernest Pronger, ophthalmic surgeon to Harrogate Institute, points out that though many people suffer from worry, few break down under it. The cause of the break down that does occur, he is convinced, from careful observation, are in many cases errors in refraction.

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