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THE TITHING SYSTEM.

(By SCATTERHEAD.)

Editor Democrat:

You have asked us to give our views on the subject stated, but can't do so fully, in this article. The best booklet we ever read on the subject was written by R. L. Patton. We will likely in the few words we shall write, present some of Patton's arguments and perhaps may make some quotations from his excellent article, as he has gone over the whole ground.

It should be understood that the first gift God requires from every accountable being is the heart, as there can't be any acceptable services rendered until the heart is regenerated. The one who has received Jesus Christ as his only Saviour and Lord should at once realize that he is not his own, but belongs to Him, being bought with His precious blood. Not only his soul and body, but all that he might possess in worldly goods, should be yielded up to his Master to be used in whatever way he may direct, whether it be one tenth one half, or even all his goods. God's cause cannot be carried on without money or its equivalent, and He calls on Christians to "honor Him with their substance." Covetousness is one of the most God dishonored sins to be found in hell's broad and frequented way. When Christians find this sin lurking in their souls, they should, by God's grace, try to kill it out, and the best way to subdue it is to resort to the grace of giving. Giving is God-like, and if one is not abounding in this grace he should at once examine his heart in the light of God's truth. We don't give to buy a seat in Heaven, but give because we have it already, and through love to Him who has "freely given us all things" we are prompted to give.

The Old and New Testaments teach that God's people should give a proportional part and the fixed sum must not be less than one tenth. Where God reigns law and order prevails, and He requires his subjects to observe the same. There is a law to be observed in Christian giving. Many rob God and their religion gets sinned against enough, as some one has said, to rattle in a mustard seed. If we rent our lands we expect a fixed part, and we, as subjects of a government, pay a definite tax, and God who has placed us here as his stewards, expects from us a fixed sum, and each person is to decide for himself the proportional part he should give, but we must be certain not to fall below the "low water mark" of Christians giving a tenth.

We refer to God's Word for example and proof: 1. Patriarchal age, Abraham who is called "God's friend," also "the father of the faithful," paid a tenth. "And he paid Him tithes of all"—Gen. 14-20. "To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all." Heb. 7-2. God had taught

Abraham that one tenth belonged to Him, and this was long before the law was given to Moses. Melchisedec who was a king and a "priest of the Most High God," and was a type of Christ and the great antitype as priest and king, requires at least one tenth from his subjects.

Jacob's vow, "I will surely give a tenth unto Thee." Gen. 28-22. It is very evident the Sabbath and the law of giving were from the beginning and were not given first to Moses but only re-enacted.

2. God's command "And all the tithes of the land are the Lord's." Lev. 27-30. Here God asserts his rights, because He made and owns everything, and says to His stewards, pay me my rent.

3. God's charge against His people. "Ye have robbed me in tithes and offerings." Mal. 3-7. He not only states tithes but offerings too. "We are to pay the tenth on subjects of Christ's kingdom, and make offerings extra as His children. The tenth is a test of his obedience and the offering a test of love. Giving does not begin until the tenth is paid.

4. Jesus sanctioned the law of the tenth. "For ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God. These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Luke 11-12. It is clear that Christ taught His followers should not only do this well but better. Zachaeus when converted said he would give one half of his goods, and must have been prompted to do this from Christ's teachings.

5. It is clearly taught in 1st Cor., 9-13-14 that the ministers are to live in the same manner as the priests, that is must be supported out of the tithing system, paid only by Christians.

6. 1st Cor. 16-2 teaches systematic giving, that is giving regularly, fixed on proportional part, and also that all most give.

7. Objections stated: Some claim that as Christians are not under the law but under grace, that the tenth is not binding as it was for the Jews, and has been repealed; that Christ fulfilled everything. We admit that Christians are under grace, but still they are under Christ, and love to Him moves them to be loyal subjects, and giving as He directs is a part of what He requires. The typical and the ceremonial laws were fulfilled in Christ, but the moral law, including the law of giving, was given for all time to come, and will be binding upon Christians to the end of the age. No one can find in God's Word where the law of the tenth has been repealed, but on the contrary we can find plenty of examples of consecrated men and women whose hearts being filled with God's love did more. Preachers who want to be men pleasers, and sorry professors who want an excuse to do nothing, may advocate the objections stated. The minimum God ab-

solutely requires from His people is to, and the maximum that we may be prompted to give through heavenly zeal and unselfish love is all. If all Christians would even give one tenth, and the standard can't be put lower, the windows of heaven indeed would be opened, and what a copious shower of blessings we would receive!

May God help us to see and practice the tenth. Globe, N. C., June 17.

While in Topeka last March E. T. Barber, a prominent newspaper man of La Cygne, Kan., was taken with cholera morbus very severely. The night clerk at the hotel where he was stopping happened to have a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and gave him three doses which relieved and he thinks saved his life. Every family should keep this remedy in their home at all times. No one can tell how soon it may be needed. It costs but a trifle and may be the means of saving much suffering and perhaps the life of some of some of the family. 25 and 50c. bottles at W. L. Bryan.

Detroit Free Press: There seems to be something the matter evidently with the g. c. p. organs. From the moment the McKinley tariff was repealed they began to bewail the prospective lowering of wages. They ought therefore, be very glad to know that wages are being increased, but if they are they carefully conceal their feelings. One scans their columns in vain for any cheering reference to facts like these: The Globe iron works at Cleveland have increased the wages of their men fifteen percent; H. C. Frick & Co., the coke producers of western Pennsylvania, have increased wages fifteen per cent, and their principal competitor sixteen per cent; Stevens & Sons woolens, New Hampshire, have raised wages fifteen per cent; Thomas Dolan & Co., woolens, Philadelphia, fifteen per cent; the Cardington mills Chester, Pa., five per cent. These are only starters.

I have two little grand children who are teething this hot summer weather and are troubled with bowel complaint. I gave them Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and it acts like a charm. I earnestly recommend it for children with bowel troubles. I was myself taken with a severe attack of bloody flux, with cramps and pains in my stomach, one-third of a bottle of this remedy cured me. With in twenty-four hours I was out of bed and doing my house work. Mrs. W. L. Dunn. Bon-aqua, Hickman Co. Tenn. For sale by W. L. Bryan.

Albany Argus: What the republican party wants as a presidential candidate is a good figure head—the figure being more important than the head.

"Judge," said the colored witness, "I wish you pleas, saw, make dat lawer stop pesterin' me."

"But he has a right to question you." "Dat may be judge, but I see got a kinder rattlin' in my head, en ef he worry me much, I just ting you know I'll tell the truth 'bout dis matter."

TRUMPET CALLS.

The devil tears a praying mother.

To know a good man is a call to know God.

God's side of the cloud is always bright.

Beauty in the heart writes its name on the face.

No man knows himself who is a stranger to Christ.

The sweetest songs of faith are sung in the dark.

The yoke of Christ will only fit the willing neck.

When the church is wide awake sinners cannot sleep.

The man who walks with God keeps the devil on the run.

A sin of any kind is a demand for God to leave His throne.

It never makes the day any brighter to find fault with the sun.

God has never tried to make a man who could please everybody.

The father who prays too little will some time use the rod too much.

The prayer that starts from God's promise is sure to move His hand.

If you say "Good morning" to the devil he will spend the day with you.

When you seek God go as far as you know the way and He will meet you.

Men see only what we put in the plate. God knows what we keep back.

Hell will be the hottest to the man who goes to it from heaven's doorstep.

When you talk about the goodness of God, don't do it with a frown on your face.

God never sees anything big in the gift that is made to win applause from men.

There is no blood in the preaching against which the devil never lifts a club.

Give us more mothers like Mary and there will be more Christians like Christ.

The religion that sheds no blood may have a good deal of zeal; but it has no Christ.

Some people never think about religion until they come in sight of a graveyard.

A path may look pleasant and yet be filled with footprints made by the cloven hoof.

When some men are baptized they first put their pocket books where they won't get wet.

There is no promise in the Bible for the man who is not willing to trust in God and do right.

"Let your light shine." God expects that the man who loves Him will find a way to show it.

God has no use for the religion that loves to have men admire it and tell it that it looks nice.

The man who expects to outrun a lie will have to travel on something faster than the limited express.

It will cost us something to walk with Christ if we would keep close enough to behold His face.

Undertake to prove that there is no hell, and only those who are on their way there will applaud you.

Every good deed that is done simply and only to honor God, will have something to do with making us more like Christ.

Don't conclude that you have said good-bye to the devil because you have joined the church. You may find him there on a front seat.

The preacher is on dangerous ground who is beginning to be more concerned about what men will say than about what God will think.

The heart that worships does not put God off with a pinch, and then walk home from church with a self-confident stride, feeling that it has done enough.—RANS HORN.

A Modern Jeffreys Dowed.

News and Observer. Judge Goff will not win the presidency by humiliating the South and overturning the Constitution.

He sought to blot out all the rights left to the State, in his South Carolina registration decision, but the Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond over-ruled his decision.

Commenting on the decision, the Richmond Dispatch will say:

The injunction of Judge Goff, whereby he undertook to rescind and annul the registration law of South Carolina was dissolved yesterday by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

This is a great victory for the State of South Carolina, and a corresponding setback to Judge Goff, who, in playing his role of Judge Bond, meets with the same ill success that met Bond with the imprisoned Attorney General Ayres and Col. Scott.

The opinion of the court is being prepared by Chief Justice Fuller and has not been filed. An outline of the court's position, prepared by the Chief Justice was read yesterday; an able individual opinion written by Judge Hughes was also submitted, and a decree was entered annulling all of Goff's work.

We earnestly trust that the court's opinion will settle the law so clearly that Judge Goff will have no excuse hereafter for interfering with the operation of State Government, as he has been doing in South Carolina and Virginia.

In South Carolina he undertook to annihilate the registration laws of that State with one stroke of his pen. In Virginia he has stopped the machinery of the criminal law in an important case, by forbidding the commonwealth's Attorney of Wythe county to prosecute one Wadley, who is indicted there for embezzlement.

About the only excuse Judge Goff has for interfering in the Wadley case is that the affairs of the banking institution of which Wadley was an officer are being wound up by a receiver appointed by the United States Court. All of the facts in this Wadley case have been recently presented to the public in a letter from Gen. James A. Walker, which was published in the Virginia law register.

We indulge the hope that the Chief Justice's opinion in the South Carolina case will not only release South Carolina from Judge Goff's grip, but will point the way to loose his hold upon Wadley, or rather, upon the officers of the commonwealth, whose duty it is to prosecute Wadley under the indictment found against him about a year ago.

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