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REV. W. B. SPRINKLE, FORMERLY OF MADISON, GIVES VIEWS ON TITHING

This was an answer to a letter I received from one of my members after I had preached on tithing.

I am willing to discuss this question with you, by letter or personally; as long as your mind is open to accept the truth or as long as you can discuss it and let the same feeling exist between us that existed before I preached the sermon.

First, I realize that your heart is closed against tithing, and has always been. If I were to make it plain that it is your duty, and you owe it to God, would you accept it? Or is it so firmly fixed in your mind that there is no chance changing you? You stand where I did for many years and as long as you stand there I or no one else could convince you, for I had my mind fixed on that question, but as soon as I began to open my heart the light began breaking in my soul.

One reason that I preach it is because God said to "preach the word." (2 Tim. 5:2), and I cannot preach the whole truth and not preach the financial side of the Gospel. Then Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law." Matt. 5:17. So, if he did not destroy the law but fulfilled it, it rests in Him so we must do as Jesus says then, "For even hereunto were you called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow His steps. 1 Peter 2:21. Now if I follow Him, I must tithe, for I know that Jesus was a law abiding citizen, and he tithed. And I must not only preach tithing, but that you are under obligations to Him with all you have.

You state that you are standing on the Bible and you will do just what it says. Now I nor any other man would attempt to ask you to do more, for that is all that can be expected of anybody. Now, if you are standing on the Bible, and take it at its literal meaning on every thing, which I am not going to say that you are not, you are giving a certain part of all your income to the Lord, and you are giving it systematically. "Let every one of you lay by him on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered him." 1 Cor. 16:2. A certain part of your income is demanded on the first day of the week. In Matthew 23-28 He pronounces a woe on Scribes and Pharisees for leaving of the weightier matters, but He tells them not to leave tithing undone. He commands you not to leave off tithing, so how can you obey the command and not tithe? In Luke 11:42 He makes the same statement. You say that the Bible will convince you. May I ask you some questions?

What convinced you of what we call heartfelt religion? It was my experience that taught me that there was a feeling of joy that goes along with a sur-

render of a life to God. What convinced you of the worth of a Sunday School? What convinced you of a Singing Choir, give me New Testament Scripture, please, you say the Old is fulfilled. How came that you are so strong on keeping the Sabbath? Show me the New Testament Scripture for keeping it. Where did you get the mourners' bench? If you are going to stick to just what the Bible says, you must salute the Brethren with a kiss, Rom. 16:16. Again, "Lay not up treasures on earth," Matt. 6:19. Again, "your Righteousness must exceed the Righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees." That means go beyond them. They tithed, kept the Sabbath, and many other things. "As you would that men should do unto you do even so to them."—Matt. 7:12.

Jesus said to "agree with your adversary." Can you do it? Matt. 5:25. Again, "Take no thought for your life what ye shall eat or drink, nor for your body what ye shall wear." Matt. 6:25. Can you do that? Again, "take no thought for tomorrow." Matt. 6:34. Are you doing it? The last commandment that our Savior gave in this world was "Go ye into all the world." Matt. 28:19-20. Do you believe that the earth and the fullness thereof are God's? Psalms 24:1. If you believe that, you are bound to believe that God expects a return from us for using His ground, money, fruits, water, air, and every thing. If He did not demand a part there would never be a day to judge us, or award us for our faithfulness. If something was not demanded there would be nothing to be faithful over. If there was no law in our country you would never be tried for anything you did, so if God did not demand something of us there would be no need of a judgment day. And if He doesn't demand a part of your income. He doesn't demand any of your work because you cannot "Go into all the world" with your work, but your money.

If I felt that Jesus did not demand something from me I would feel that I was considered by Him an object of charity. I and I know that I could not feel happy if I was an object of charity. He said "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."—Matthew 22:43. God does not want what you owe the world, but what you owe Him. Jesus plainly says "To whom much is given much is required." He is talking about stewardship. Luke 12:48. Yes, He requires a tithe.

In the parable of the ten pounds in the 19th chapter of Luke, is a picture of our Lord going away and when He returns He expects all His own money that goes along with a sur-



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expect it, but requires it. Yes, we are under obligations to pay our Lord a part.

No, you cannot tithe without giving one-tenth of all, and I never heard any one preach, but what said so. Your butter, milk, eggs and everything you have that is a part of your income. If you don't think enough of the Lord to sell it and put in the money, send it in, or else you can give it to the Orphanage.

You ask what you preachers would do with all these perishable things? We could do nothing with them, but if God had all them that belong to Him He could bring the world to Christ in one generation.

You ask, "Did all nations pay tithes?" I am sending you a tract that is put out by the layman's movement, not preachers, but laymen. That is whom I quoted when I said all nations paid tithes. Read and (Carried to fourth page)

BAPTISTS CALL PASTOR

REV. HORACE L. SMITH ACCEPTS PASTORATE OF MARSHALL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Horace L. Smith, now a student at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., has accepted the call of the pastorate of the Marshall Baptist church. The new pastor expects to come on the field for full time about the first of May, when he expects to finish his Seminary course. From now until the first of May, the church will be without a pastor on the field except that he will be in Marshall for two Sundays in March and two Sundays in April. What arrangement will be made from now until the first of May is not known.

Rev. Mr. Smith preached in Marshall twice last Sunday each sermon meeting with instant favor. His morning sermon was along the line of giving what one has for the cause

of the Master. At night, his sermon was addressed more particularly to the young people, his sermon being about Daniel, who "purposed in his heart," the idea being that young people should have limits beyond which they would not go—in other words, principles of character.

The original home of Rev. Mr. Smith is at Conelley Springs, N. C., where he spent last week with his parents, and a place, by the way, noted for fried chicken sandwiches served to railway passengers. We have heard before of preachers and fried chicken being associated very closely, but this was one time we had the chicken before the preacher came.

REV. J. N. ANDRE WILL PREACH ON FEB. 1, 1925

A card received by the News-Record is published as follows: New Kensington, Pa., January 26, 1925, News-Record, Marshall, N. C.—

I expect to reach home and will preach on the Sabbath, February 1, as usual.

Will you kindly put notice in News-Record.

Very sincerely yours, J. N. ANDRE.

TO A WILD VIOLET

(1) Fairest little flower Bidding bright in May; Refresh'd by Heaven's shower Fragrant all the day.

(2) Far from scented bowers And summer not begun; O' what saddening hours Withering in the sun.

(3) Now you lie all trampled Once so fair and sweet; Earthly joys you sampled Killed by earthly heat.

—BERNARD R. BAKER Mr. B. R. Baker, whose poem is printed above was 24 years of age when killed in an automobile accident on June 2, last year. His mother is Mrs. A. D. Baker of Hot Springs.

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The above officers are the students that will put over the B. Y. P. U. for the spring term in our eight standard Unions.

FAMOUS LECTURER AT TUSCULUM

Last Saturday night the student body of Tusculum College listened with interest to a lecture by "Private Pete" internationally known World War hero. It was one of the best talks ever heard in this section. Entitled, "The Inexcusable Lie," It was filled with sound and practical thought from start to finish. It was intermingled throughout with humor of the highest type. This lecture was one of the periodical lyceum numbers which the students of Tusculum have the opportunity of hearing each year—a lyceum course which brings annually to the college some of the best speakers of the nation.

Missionary To Siam Talks To Tusculum Students

Rev. R. O. Franklin, Presbyterian minister and missionary to Siam, was in charge of both the morning and evening services at Tusculum College Sunday. At the morning service he delivered an eloquent sermon, and in the evening on his work in Siam. He told many interesting experiences from his work in this great field emphasizing the urgent need of volunteers to help carry the Gospel to these people.