MINISTER'S COLUMN

Debt. Debt is not a pleasant experience. It is not to be courted. One should go a long way round to avoid it. As a rule it is a hard and merciless master. This generation has been a mark for that dreadful fiend, who stalks the earth and when you are down, sick, incapacitated, out of work, aged, or have lost in the game of life that black genii, that haunts, that marks you for its death spring, that would hiss in your soul, "Your home is mine. Your happiness is mine. Your peace is mine. Mine, all is mine." Only your soul escapes. And why? Because we have flirted with what we supposed to be a lamb, and lo, it proves to be a gaunt, savage wolf. A debt, long since made and now, how can it be satisfied? You ask what is the matter with the world? Debt, sir. Debt is the answer: Nation curses nation, statesmen sweat and scheme, for what? Debt, brother, it is debt, obligations the one to the other, obligations that are grievous and goading. Keep out of debt, my friend. See a clear way before you load too heavily. Unlooked for things just happen. Fear debt as you would fear disgrace. Avoid it as you would a plague. Walk in another lane, where the soul may be calm, and where the ghost of debt stalks not by day or night.

"Owe no man anything" is the injunction of the Old Book. Good logic, that. Not old-timey, not antiquated, now is it? However, if through the web of human exchange we find ourselves humiliated and embarrassed by a load of debt, grim and discomforting, then let us square ourselves to the task and the old Book may help again. Its counsel is to make terms. Do the best you can under existing circumstances, sit down quickly and write fifty, thus saith the Book.

O church of the Living God, how we have cheapened thy cause upon the earth, by an inexcusable stewardship that has failed to pay its obligations and gathered about us a black cloud of debt. Now thanks be to God for a way out, bruised and beaten and half dead, but, all hail, the good Samaritan leads us, helpless and faint and sick. He carries us along the way out of danger on to the inn, the inn of treatment and rest, the inn of hope and strength. Brethren, perhaps we will feel well repaid for every anxious hour when we climb to the top of the hill of Debt, when we can look the world in the face and say, "Its been a mighty pull, but God strengthened our hearts. We have won the day, the old mortgage has crumbled, in smoke. We are free of debt."

GEO. M. HULME, Minister

CHURCH CALENDAR

BIBLE SCHOOL - - - - - Sunday, 9:30 A. M.
MORNING WORSHIP - - - - Sunday, 10:45 A. M.
CHOIR PRACTICE - - - - Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.
A LETTER TO YOU

Dear Members and Friends:—
As members of the Campaign Committee, we are writing to you about our church. You are aware of the struggle we have had with our building debt.

Your Official Board has been seeking a way to solve this problem, and after much prayer and deliberation the following plan has been approved by the church and adopted by the board of trustees: Instead of asking our members and friends to make outright gifts to the building fund, as many have done over, and over, every one is asked to make a loan to the church.

This loan will be secured by an insurance policy in the proportion of $1.50 for each dollar loaned. The individual subscriber has five years in which to pay the loan. The money, as it is loaned to the church, will be placed in a Trust Fund with bonded Trustees, and be held by them until a settlement can be made with our creditors. This will give us protection against paying out our money and yet losing our building and properties through possible failure to raise the entire debt.

The advantage of this plan to you is that it makes it possible for you to pay your part of the building debt and at the same time create an estate for your old age, or for your loved ones. You pay into the church the amount of your loan in five years, and the church has thirty-five years or until your death to pay you back. The advantage to the church is that instead of paying seventy dollars interest on each thousand, we make an average deposit of about thirty-five dollars on each thousand we owe, and this will pay our entire debt and return to each subscriber one dollar and fifty cents for each dollar subscribed.

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Our debt is a heavy one. We expect to secure an adjustment, but this will not be possible unless we make sufficient sacrifice to convince our creditors that we have made an honest effort. We are asking that you pray earnestly, and act under the light and leadership of our Lord in this matter.

If every member of our church will enter into this matter fully, and in the same wholesome spirit of cooperation which has characterized our success in the past, the following benefits will be derived from it: (1) We shall immediately be relieved of the heavy financial burden which now rests upon our minds and hearts. (2) It will promote a spirit of unity and cooperation among our members and organizations. (3) Doing this task successfully will release great spiritual power in our church. (4) Our reputation will be established for both honesty and solvency.

The Committee has great faith, and confidence that you will do your best for your church, and some members of the Committee will call on you in your home to obtain from you an expression of your purpose in this. Please meet the Committee in a spirit of prayer, prepared to do what you believe the Lord would have you do. We need your sacrificial and prayerful efforts.

Yours in His service,

Campaign Committee

W. V. Smith, Chairman

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Love does not grow on every tree,
Nor true hearts yearly bloom.
Alas! for those who only see
This cut across their tomb.
But sbon or late the fact grows plain,
To all through every test,
The only ones who give us pain.
Are those we love the best.

I shall pass through
This world—but once,
Therefore, any good that I can do, or any kindness
That I can show,
Let me do it now, let me not defer, nor neglect it,
For, I shall not pass
This way again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Old Gold Collection will be taken this next Sunday morning. The minister says to bring a bag of gold to church and put it on the collection plate.

Junior Bible Study Class.
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PERSONAL ITEMS

L. C. Stein, Hudson road, celebrated his birthday last Sunday.

Rev. S. T. Walters, Thorndale Avenue, has been confined to his bed for the past week or so. He might be glad to have you call on him.

Mr. Perry Schnee attended church services last Sunday evening. We hope he likes the minister and will come again.

Young People’s class had a party last Friday night. Fourteen were present—there might have been more if it had been well advertised.

J. B. Hites, Kent road, is now taking orders for fruit trees, grape vines and other shrubbery.

Mr. A. L. Graner returned last Sunday morning from Charity Hospital, Cleveland.

Stow Junior Culture club expect to present a play at their next meeting on Tuesday, February 12th. This meeting will be held at the home of Miss Helen Weygandt, Munroe Falls.

Dr. W. C. Crichton, Hudson road, for the past ten days or more, has been confined to his home with a bone felon on index finger of the right hand. It is reported to be very painful. Here is another sick man some of the men might call on.

Mr. Lynn Stow is seriously ill in an Akron hospital.

Mrs. Edminston, River road, is recovering at home from an operation which she underwent on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. William E. Bridges, Marhoefer Avenue, is ill with diptheria.

Miss June Miller, a Stow High school student, danced at the President’s Birthday ball in Kent last Wednesday evening.

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J. J. Sloan, 167 Edgewood drive, is working as salesman out of the Stow Hardware on Carey stone permanent siding material and shingles.

Mr. Valentine and daughter Georgiana Spaght made a trip to Indiana last Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Valentine's mother. Mrs. Valentine has been in Indiana with her mother for the past four weeks.

Mrs. Morgan, 177 Sanford Avenue, mother of Mrs. Clark Erwin, died suddenly last Monday. Fu-
General services were held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. John Seigelhorst, 734 Hudson road, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. J. Lawson, 176 East Arndale road, entertained a group of friends at an aluminum dinner last Tuesday night.

J. Herman Harper has four new puppies at his house, two black and two brown.

Mrs. Christie Housel, who has been visiting her daughter in Barberton, is now at home again with her daughter Mrs. C. W. Stahl, 756 Hudson road.

Gaylord and Lucile Hamman, Joe Boyter and his wife, attended the auto show last Saturday night, but forgot to bring a new car home.

Cleason Long nearly cut his finger off cranking his Ford Monday.

Charles Furst is recovering nicely from the flu, also he has a nice new pair of suspenders.

Mrs. Mary Shakespeare, Munroe Falls, is entertaining a group of friends at her home Friday.

Miss Alice Shaffer, who handed in some forty personal items for this paper last week, was ill the fore part of the week and therefore unable to help us out so extensively this time. Please remember that a dollar will be paid to the person handing in the most well written, brief, interesting personal items next week.

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