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PRAYER AND MISSIONS.

The experience of the Church in apostolic days, as recorded in the New Testament, reveals an inseparable connection between prayer and missions. Matthew relates an instance:—

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matt. 9: 35—38.

Christ was the great model missionary. He left his home in heaven and came to this sin-stricken world where the lost and the suffering were, to save them. He went about all the cities and villages doing good, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of sickness and disease among the people.

As he engaged in this blessed, unselfish ministry, and saw the weary, suffering multitudes scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd, he was moved with compassion on them. He said to his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

To this point we have the situation as it existed, the pressing need of the suffering, perishing multitudes, and the altogether inadequate supply of workers. What was the recourse recognized by Jesus, and pointed out to his disciples?— It was prayer. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth more laborers into his harvest."

This record certainly shows that the redeemer of the world, who is the source of all supplies for all true missionary enterprises, teaches the closest possible union of prayer and missions. From this time to the close of the Bible record of missionary experiences in the early church, earnest, unceasing, prevailing prayer is represented preceeding, setting in motion, carrying forward, and consummating that glorious work that gave the gospel to all the world in that generation.

Has this law of the kingdom changed? Is there

now another way by which the church is to be stimulated, sent forth, and sustained in the world-wide missionary effort?

How consistent that Seventh-day Adventists, who have been raised up to give the last warning message of the gospel—the last call of mercy—to the world, should set apart a season of time each year for special prayer in behalf of this great missionary undertaking. Oh, that there may be earnest prayers indeed for the progress of this cause! The missionaries toiling in difficult, destitute, sin-cursed fields at home and in the regions beyond, need the prayers of the church of Christ. The multitudes of suffering, misguided, disheartened souls in all lands need the sympathetic, affectionate prayers of those who have found the help they need. The men who have been appointed by the church to carry the responsibilities connected with the general management of this great movement, need the prayers, of God's people. And the treasury of the church needs the prayers of the church. Every week of the year that treasury must send forth at least three thousand dollars to support the missionaries who are now devoting their lives to this work. They have left home, friends, and worldly vocations to give their lives wholly to missionary service. Their provision for support is their confidence in the promise of God, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; and he has arranged that his church shall be the visible support of his work. If the church will do her duty, in prayer and giving, the Lord will supply her with the means. I repeat—the treasury of the church needs the prayers of the church.

The time and the situation to which we have come call for the earnest, importunate, heartfelt prayers of Seventh-day Adventists at this time. Let every professed believer in the third angel's message join with all his soul in the coming week of prayer services. One magnificent feature of the week of prayer for 1904 will be the effort to raise \$80,000 in the annual offering to missions. This can easily be done, and what a burden of care and continual perplexity it will lift from many hearts. Blessed Master, breathe this assurance into the hearts of all thy children, leading them to give as thou hast prospered them, and as thy suffering cause needs at this time.

A. G. Daniells.

THE COMING WEEK OF PRAYER.

A great work is before this people. To them is committed the summing up of the age-lasting gospel. We need to be aroused to a sense of its importance. How can this be done? We must be watching for him or we will not be ready when he comes. It is the Lord's plan to have us aroused to this mighty event. By assembling together and studying the evidence, we are refreshed. The Word is accompanied by the Spirit.

At the annual assemblies of Israel, the evidences of the coming Messiah were recounted. At every passover there were in attendance those who were there for the first time. At each week of prayer there are many who have not before been with us on such an occasion. They need to know more about the coming of the Lord. This is true of the older members of all the churches. This message must be so written in our minds that we will have something to say about it. Every church should assemble each day if possible. When it is not reasonable for all to meet together, then arrange for a few to assemble even if it is but one family.

When these lines are read, begin to plan for this occasion, if you have not already done so. Talk to the children about it. Tell them how the Lord has met with his people in times past. Then call their attention to what he is now doing in all portions of the world. Plan so that they can have something to offer to the Lord. So far as we can we have arranged to have some of our ministers be with you.

A. O. Burrill.

OBITUARY.

WORDEN. Died at St. John, N. B., Oct. 29, 1904, of consumption, Sister Ada Worden, aged twenty-six years. Sister Ada makes the third of her family to succumb to this dread disease inside of two years. It is scarcely seven months since this paper reported the death of her father. His sickness extended over more than three years, and during this time one brother sickened and died. Sister Ada was the constant companion and nurse of both the father and brother, and soon after the father's death it became evident that the same disease had fastened itself upon her, and it can truly be said she sacrificed her own life in loving service for others, and she expressed to the writer only one week before her death how thankful she was that God gave to her health and strength to care for her father during his long sickness. She was a girl of rare spiritual beauty, loved by all who knew her. Sister Ada was perfectly resigned to the will of her Heavenly Father, and her only desire to live was that she might win her one sister and three brothers to the Saviour.

Words of comfort were spoken from Numbers 23: 10, last clause; and just as the sun was sinking behind the western hills in the evening of Oct. 31, we laid her away to rest until the voice of the Arch-angel shall call his sleeping saints. W. R. Andrews.

SHALL WE BORROW?

It is evident that, unless money is contributed freely to aid in the construction of the buildings at Washington, the work will have to cease, or those in charge will have to borrow. Shall the work stop? Certainly not. It would be unwise to cease now. Shall we borrow? We hear thousands exclaiming, no, no, no!

Will not all who expect to aid in this work do so immediately? Some are saying, "I expect to send on a donation before the buildings are completed." If so, why not now? The weather in Washington is not so severely cold in the winter as in the north, and building operations can be continued all winter, and those in charge should have ready means to prosecute the work. We trust it will not become necessary to borrow. The moment this is done, interest begins. It eateth like a cancer. It ceaseth not. It is unacquainted with a Sabbath or rest day of whatever name or nature. It knows no vacation. It increaseth liabilities constantly.

On account of debts already created by our publishing houses, sanitariums, and schools, the denomination is paying in interest at least \$50,000 each year. Such an interest bill is indeed a terrible drain in consuming earnings and donations. Could we get out of debt, and the amount we now pay in interest be placed in mission fields in paying laborers, thousands could be warned, and hundreds would embrace the truth to become toilers in the church, and donate thousands of dollars to the cause to press the message still farther into the regions beyond.

It would be inconsistent to borrow under the circumstances. It can be avoided if all will donate now. If we do not, and money is borrowed under the necessity of circumstances to complete the buildings, will not those who do not donate become more responsible than those who have the work in charge? Should the work cease for lack of means, it would be to the chagrin of the builders, the detriment of the cause, and constitute a severe rebuke to our lack of liberality.

Let us not borrow, but be liberal, realizing that "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver". Thus shall we please the Lord, gladden the hearts of the builders, forward the cause, and hasten the glorious consummation when care and anxiety will surrender to pleasure, death to life, and earthly institutions to mansions of glory.

S. H. Lane.

A FEW DAYS AT THE LORNDALE ACADEMY.

It has been very difficult to secure help to do the plastering on the new school building. After waiting as long as he dared, Brother Leland began the work himself. Then Brother Kerneghan donated a day's work. After this Brother Hartwell and the writer finished the plastering. We spent several days in all with the school family.

They were all very much pleased to get into the new school room after having been cramped up so long in such close quarters as they had been in the old building. They are now prepared to care for thirty or more pupils. The reader may be assured that what has been done has cost many struggles by those on the farm. The two rooms in the new building each which are 18 by 30 bringing real relief to the school; but we confidently expect that it is but the beginning. We are glad that we are not going into debt. We now are ready for more students at this school. The expense is but a small sum only \$2.00 per week.

How many parents are allowing their children to attend school where the influences are constantly leading them to unbelief. They should be where they can study the word of the Lord. We need to place the truth where they will have it in the lessons of the day. Who will take hold of what we have in sight? I would like to correspond with those who have children that they can send to the Academy.

A. O. BURRILL.

THE FARMINGTON ACADEMY AND CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS.

It seems to me that the generous offer of our brethren in the States to raise three dollars to our one for the benefit of our school should inspire the heart of every Seventh-day Adventist in the Maritime Conference to immediate activity in this matter.

I know that to many it seems impossible to ever raise \$500. in cash for the school, but, my brethren and sisters, we can do it, and that before Jan. 1, 1905, too.

Personally I am satisfied that the salvation of our work in this field depends upon our having a school where our young people can go to receive a training that will not only be the means of their salvation, but enable them to be soul-winners.

God has given us, in Christ's Object Lessons an efficient means for funds for our schools, and I know that the book will sell as well to-day as it has at any time in the past. Now I am in this for more than talk, and so this morning I took four C. O. L's in my satchel and started out; and before noon I had sold the four for cash, and taken one order, and this afternoon I sold four more and took one order. I

have sold a goodly number of books in this city before to-day, but I was successful in finding more purchasers, but I do not believe there is a city in Canada that has had one half the C. O. L's sold in it that could be.

One book that I sold to-day was sold to the mayor of our city; and that is one of the blessed things about the book,—it is so easy to interest the higher classes in it.

Now brethren and sisters, let us wake up to our privileges, and go out and sell these books, and in so doing get the truth into the homes of the people, raise funds for our schools, and receive for ourselves a rich blessing that can be obtained in no other way; and this latter is the true testimony gained by actual experience of your unworthy brother,

W. R. ANDREWS.

A NEGLECTED BOOK.

Are you aware that much of the experience of God's people as recorded in the book of Esther is but an object lesson of what we will pass through before the end? "The Protestant world to-day see in the little company keeping the Sabbath Mordecai in the gate."

Every one should be familiar with the book of Esther. Believing the importance of this study, the editors of the Bible Training School have prepared a series of Bible studies on the book of Esther; these began in the November number. Four are given each month so that those who form a weekly circle for the study of the book of Esther can have one study each week. Send twenty-five cents to the Bible Training School, South Lancaster, Mass., requesting that your year's subscription begin with the November number.

A REPORT FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW.

We are beginning to get settled.

This morning's mail (Nov. 6) brought us orders for nearly 7,000 sets of the Special SIGNS.

In their convention yesterday, the San Francisco Church ordered more than 1,000 sets.

The young people of New York City have ordered 700 sets.

Last Sunday morning at chapel service our office employees ordered 775 sets, but are using many more.

The Superintendent of one of our busiest rooms ran out between quitting time and the beginning of the Sabbath last Friday, and secured four orders for sets, out of five homes visited.

Another employee who is setting type on the SIGNS secured twenty-three orders for sets one day last week.

Total orders up to date demand an edition of 85,000.

APPOINTMENTS.

During the week of Prayer, I will meet with the following churches, Iroquois Dec. 12 and 13; Keeyengh, Dec. 14 and 15; Lynden, Dec. 16 and 17. We hope to have two meetings a day.

B. B. Noftger.

Chatham..... Sabbath Dec. 3.
Albana..... " " 10.
Selton..... " " 17.

At each of these appointments we will be pleased to begin meetings Wednesday evening. We can hold one or more meetings every day at each place.

A. O. Burrill.

No preventing providence I will meet with the following named churches during the Week of Prayer, Oneida Church, December 10, 11, St. Thomas, December 12, 13, Ingersoll, December 14, 15, Woodstock, December 16, 17.

Will the brethren and sisters at each of the above named places please take notice and make the necessary arrangement for the most profitable Week of Prayer meeting ever held.

A. L. Miller.

OFFICE NOTES.

CALLERS at the office.

Brother S. D. Hartwell of the Canadian Publishing Association, Toronto, together with Sr. Shanks of Brantford, Sisters Belle, Maggie, and Lydia Johnson, and Brother Archie Johnson, of the Iroquois Church, paid us a visit at the office last week.

Brother Frank Lane has sent for a small stock of books and will work at canvassing as his health permits. We wish him abundant success.

Are you making preparation to give your full share of the \$80,000 needed by the Mission board? It is not too soon to prepare for it.

We have just received a stock of three new tracts. They are B. S. L. No's 187, 188, and A. G. L. No. 84; entitled, "Who Changed the Sabbath?" "The Gospel Message for To-day," and "Heralds of His Coming." We hope to receive a good many orders for these tracts before the campaign is over.

Toronto has ordered 141 sets of the "Signs" special. Some of the churches have not ordered any as yet. We hope to hear from them soon.

On Thanksgiving day a gentleman came in from Dundas and ordered some books and tracts. He

went home, and one of his neighbors seeing the books, boarded the car and came in to get some of the books for himself. He purchased more than the first man. This was the result of a little work done by one of the members of the church here.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

QUEBEC.

Since my last report I have visited the churches at Baldwin's Mills, Dixville, Fitch Bay, and Bishop's Crossing. In all of these places we had good meetings, and all seemed to be much encouraged to press forward and triumph with the message.

Nov. 12 six were received into the church; three of them by baptism, and the other three by letter. We hope that these, with all the other members of the church will prove faithful, living members of the body; always remembering that "Christ is the head of the church, and he is the savior of the body."

H. E. Rickard.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." This text is full of meaning to every Seventh-day Adventist, especially at this time when our neglect in the proclamation of the gospel is the only thing that delays the coming of Christ.

Oh how I long to see the day when all this people can earnestly pray, "Thy kingdom come." What joy there will be in the presence of the angels when this prayer, translated into action, becomes the daily cry of God's people.

Our real interest in this gospel will be, and is, measured by the efforts we put forth to have it reach all for whom our Saviour died. We are in daily need of being revived in this line, and now that the great annual revival in the week of prayer is drawing near, let us all prepare for its blessings by putting away all that will separate between us and our God. Shall not this special season be the most precious as we pass through it, and the most blessed when it is gone, of any such season that has yet come to us? We surely need a closer communion with our Master, and he wants us to be blessed. Shall we not accept and be led into the fullness of the gospel ministry?

In our preparation for this season of blessing let us remember those in the regions beyond who have not yet heard this "Gospel of the Kingdom", and may our offerings for this year be in complete accord with the blessings received by us during the year past, and shall we not add an heave offering as a token of our confidence in the giver of all blessings for the year to come.

Wm. Guthrie.