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THE STRAIGHT TESTIMONY.

T I was shown the servant of the Lord, over fifty years ago, as recorded in "Early Writings," that the shaking among God's people would be caused by "the straight testimony." "This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people."

Fifty years have passed and today we see literally fulfilled before our eyes these very experiences. It is sad, and we pray that the darkness that has come upon some may be removed, that they may see the danger in which they are now standing, and submissively yield to the pleadings of the Spirit. It matters not who the person is, or how high a position he may have filled in this closing message, when he rebels

against that gift which has led this people for the past fifty years, he will lose his bearings and go down. God, is carrying forward the Third Angel's Message, and not man. And God can use only those who are submitted to him, to carry forward this work: and when we turn wilfully aside not allowing God to use us, he will take, perhaps, some weak instrument, far beneath us in talent and influence, and clothe him with his Spirit, sending him forth to speak the truth with power. God does not lack resources. It is just as true today, as it was two thousand years ago, and it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise: and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty." "That no flesh should glory in his presence."

This truth will triumph. But only those who will humble themselves and be submissive will triumph with it. There is no time now to stop and delay; "There is to be delay no longer." If we do not press forward, some one will step in and take our place and we will be left groping in the darkness. May the present experience through which God's people are passing, only strengthen them and cause greater faith in that sure word of prophecy which has led us thus far, and may we realize as never before, that the destiny of the church hangs upon its attitude toward this gift, and as we see the fulfillment of this word, may our faith be greatly strengthened.

We have a wonderful message. God has wrought great things for us. We have passed through much bitter opposition. But God's truth still lives and survives all opposition, and today it has greater vitality, more believers, and still thousands are waiting to receive it, and the

Macedonian cry is coming from every land, "Come over and help us." I feel to say with one of old, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." "Whither thou goest, I will go. Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." May this be the experience of all our brethren and sisters in Indiana.

W. J. STONE.

WHY SHOULD SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS MOVE FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER?

THERE are four reasons why it might be necessary for a Seventh-day Adventist to move from one place to another: (1) For the improvement of health; (2) For educational advantages; (3) To gain a livelihood; (4) For missionary purposes.

There are times when it is necessary to seek a better climate. However, such cases are rare. In harmony with the light given, many are desirous of securing a Christian education either for themselves or for their children. These sell out and move to some educational center, soon to learn that the expense of moving and loss in exchange of property would far exceed the cost of educating their children in the school home.

Some have the idea that if they could move to a place where they would be surrounded by those of like faith, and hear a sermon every Sabbath, they could live a good Christian life. This is a deception of the enemy. God does not want his people to congregate in large churches; we are to be lights to the world rather than to the church.

Each one who is contemplating a change of location should first ask himself the questions: (1) What is the motive prompting such a desire? (2) Am I seeking more of this world's goods? (3) If I should go, in what condition will it leave the church of which I am a member? (4) Will I have any more time or a greater zeal

to work for souls in a new locality than where I am?

These are solemn questions. Often a move of this kind changes the entire course of a man's life. How important, then, that the Lord be given an opportunity to decide the question.

There are many in this State who have sold their homes, moved away, purchased land, or rented in other places, and, after a few months, returned with nothing but their experience to compensate them for their expense and loss of property. The time has come for some to sell a portion of their property and put it into the message. Study carefully, "Early Writings," first part; pages 47-48; also 1 Tim. 6:6-19. C. A. BURMAN, President So. Dakota Conference.

MY POSITION.

I DESIRE to express through the columns of the REPORTER, my views of the nature of Christ's flesh, that the people of the Indiana Conference may know where I stand in this matter.

There was a time in my experience when I believed and advocated the idea that Christ had holy flesh. It was a very pleasing idea to me, and I held to it as though my life depended upon it. Nothing but a very sad and bitter experience could open my eyes and convince me that I was in error. Experience has taught me that a man can not always be sure of his conclusions. He may be logical, and feel sure that he is right, yet finds in the end that he is mistaken. The only sure thing is the Word of God, and we can not be sure that we understand that unless we are submitted to His will. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine."

Now the Word says "We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." There is one point in this text that has a great bearing on this question. Jesus, our high priest, is touched with our feelings, or felt as we feel. When we are tempted he knows just how we feel, for he felt the force of the same temptation. There can be no doubt about this, for the Word plainly says that he was tempted in all points like as we are. When we are tempted to follow

our feelings, we yield to temptation, and sin is the result. If Jesus had followed his feelings, he would have done just the way we have done. He would have sinned. So it was not his flesh that kept him from sin. His flesh would have led him just as our flesh has led us, if he had followed it, but he walked not after the flesh but after the spirit. There is not a point in which we are tempted, and feel the force of the tempter's power, but that Jesus knows just how we feel, for he felt it in just as great measure as we do, for he was tempted as we are. Just keep this in mind. He was as we are. It was not because his flesh was holy that he lived holy, but because he pleased not himself and trusted in his Father to direct him. Righteousness was not the product of his flesh, but the fruit of the spirit that led him. His flesh was only an instrument that was used in the hand of God to do good.

It did not produce the good. It only conveyed or manifested the good works of the spirit of God. It was not because his flesh was holy that he was able to resist temptation, but because he believed in God, who was able to keep him from falling. The flesh of Christ certainly had no advantage in the fight with temptation that our flesh does not have. It was no more able to resist the tempter than any other man's flesh is. When Satan came to Christ with his temptations, he had the same chances of success, so far as the flesh is concerned, as when he comes to us. The thing that defeated Satan and made Christ a conqueror, was faith in God; but faith is not a fruit of the flesh but of the spirit. Every victory that Christ gained, and every good thing that he did, were the results of his faith in God, and not results of natural goodness or righteousness in his flesh, for his flesh felt like doing just the reverse. It was the power of God that kept him in the time of trial and; temptation it was the power of God that did the good works; it was the power of God that preached the gospel. Jesus was the instrument used in all these manifestations of power. It was the faith of Jesus that connected him with the source of power, and not natural goodness of the flesh. I wish to add that conversion does not change a man's flesh so that he can do good, or fight the tempter

and sin, and serve God in any other way than Jesus did it. If he does right, and overcomes Satan, he must do it by the faith of Jesus, against the will of the flesh. So, brethren, I am still yours for the firm platform of the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

R. M. HARRISON.

ORGANIZATION OF NURSES BUREAUS.

THAT our trained nurses may, to the very best advantage, employ their time and talents to the glory of God, and work unitedly with the denomination, in the dissemination of the health principles so closely connected with our message to the world, it has been recommended that a Nurses Bureau of Information be organized for the purpose of unifying the work, and assisting those who are not employed or working in connection with our denominational institutions. In order to expedite the work of organization; it is requested that all Seventh-day Adventist trained nurses who desire to work in cooperation with the Third Angel's Message, send at once their names and addresses to J. E. Froom, M. D., Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. Please give (a) your professional training, (b) age, (c) sex, (d) state of health, (e) dependencies, (f) amount of experience, (g) Christian experience and church membership. We hope that all our nurses in Indiana will respond to the above call.

W. J. STONE.

SHALL OUR YOUTH GO TO BATTLE CREEK?

MUCH instruction has recently come from the pen of Sister White, regarding the dangers of sending our youth to Battle Creek to obtain an education. The most important of this has just been printed in a neat pamphlet of 64 pages, entitled "Testimonies to the Church," Series B, No. 6.

This is an important pamphlet and contains timely instruction for all our people, and should be in the hands of not only our young people, but of every Sabbath keeper in our denomination. Price 5 cents. Secure a copy at once.

Order of your state tract society, or of the nearest denominational publishing house.

PREACHING hell in the spirit of hell will only drive men in that direction.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY at WOLFLAKE, IND.

According to appointment "Young People's Day" was observed at the Wolf Lake church.

Several of the members of the society are in attendance at the Berrien Springs school; but notwithstanding this, those who remain entered heartily into the work of the convention, and a good interest was manifested by old and young.

The convention was given two sessions, the president, Mrs. Alma Knapp taking charge of the exercises.

After the usual opening exercises, the reading furnished by Sr. Plummer, "Our Young People's Call to Service," also the study from the Testimonies, "The Lord's Call to Duty," were listened to with marked interest. These were followed by an earnest consecration service, quite a number taking part, renewing their consecration to God, and desiring to awake out of sleep, that they may press into the work of soul-saving.

The afternoon session was opened by the reading from the Educational Department of the Conference. Bro. Stureman read a paper on "Young People's Relation to Sabbath-school Work." What is home without the children, and what is the Sabbath-school without the young people? Sister Kern gave a reading on "Open Doors for Young People," bringing out many excellent thoughts; openings appearing all along the line, even from the humble home to foreign fields. O that the young people might sense the responsibilities and opportunities that are before them, for opportunities are responsibilities.

An article by Sister White on "Soldiers For Christ," was read by Bertha Graham, which furnished some good thoughts for all. If one is a true soldier he will not forsake the field on account of hardships and privations. No! He will endure for Christ's sake, that souls may be won for Him.

Arrangements were made for the members of the society to distribute reading matter, parents and children going out together. A liberal donation was taken for the purchasing of literature.

We all felt to praise the Lord for the privileges and blessings of the day.

MRS. SADIE G. MOORE.

WORD FROM BAROTSELAND, SOUTH AFRICA.

OUR stay was very short at the Matabele Mission, and we were soon on our way north again. It is quite different now to what it was when I first went to the Zambesi five years ago. Then it was a two weeks' journey on foot; now we make the journey in less than twenty-four hours by train.

I had to wait at the Falls two weeks for my wagon to arrive. This time was spent at the pleasant home of Mr. Coisson, of the French Mission. When I came to look for oxen, I could find none that were trained, so had to buy oxen that had never been caught or had a yoke on them. I bought them on Thursday morning, and on the evening after the Sabbath we started for our new mission, two hundred miles away. I question if you can imagine what the next three weeks were like. We started north with ten of the oxen on the wagon, and as fast as we could get the others to walk along in the yoke we put them in. By the time we arrived at Monzes we had all but two of them so that they went very well. Those two were very stubborn. When they were caught they would at once lie down, and would lie there for hours unless they were left alone; then they would get up and begin to eat.

We had hard work all day, and we had to watch at night, for the lions were plentiful on much of the road. I awoke one morning to find one standing about twenty steps from me. It was too dark to see to shoot, so I quickly built up a fire and he went on his way. At another time, when I was away from the wagon, a lion followed it for a long distance, coming out at one time about fifty yards from the oxen in plain view, at eight o'clock in the morning. We are truly thankful that we were kept through it all.

On our arrival at the farm we commenced at once to build a house. The poles were cut and the frame put up in one week. Then I had to leave the boys to finish it while I returned to the Falls for mother and Mrs. Anderson, whom I had left at Cape Town. Just before I left the place I was visited by two Jesuit Fathers. They had come to occupy the same farm that I had selected, and had I arrived only a little later

they would have been in possession. I was very glad that we were here first. They have now gone five or six miles away and have built a house.

One day one of them was here when I was away, and he asked one of my boys to show him the path to a native kraal. On the way they had the following conversation: J. F.—Why do you keep the Sabbath? B.—Because God has commanded it. J. F.—Where? B.—In Exodus 20. J. F.—But Sunday has been kept for a long time. B.—Yes; but not as long as the Sabbath, for that has been kept since creation. J. F.—But you are so few. Why do you think you are right, when so many keep Sunday? B.—Have you not read in the Revelation that all the world wondered after the Beast? J. F.—It is not good to give the Bible to this people who are unlearned. They cannot understand it. B.—Jesus said that we should teach all nations all the things that He has commanded us. Here the conversation closed. Certainly this unlearned native, who has only been in school a short time, could give a reason for the faith that was in him. Can all of our young people in America do as well? If not, take advantage of the Christian schools now in the land.

W. H. ANDERSON.

HAVE YOU?

HAVE you read "Ministry of Healing," Sister White's latest work? If not, do not delay another day in ordering at least one book to read yourself and to canvass your neighbors. It is a book for this very time, and every Seventh-day Adventist should read it, and then endeavor to place it in the hands of his neighbors. You know that over two thousand of these books were subscribed for at our camp-meeting, and we ought to begin to use them at once. Our sanitarium enterprise will receive one-half from the sale of these books, you know, and all should take a special interest in selling the book, not only because it is what the people need, but because it will be a great help to our Sanitarium.

You can tell how much a man means his prayers, by the way he gets out and pushes things after the meeting.

NEWS and NOTES

"CHRIST IN SONG" has been out of print, but arrangements have been made with Brother Belden to print another edition. The books will be ready for delivery in a few days.

WHERE are the reports from our canvassers? We earnestly request all our canvassers to report regularly, that we may publish their reports from time to time in these columns.

DURING the colporters institute which is to be held at Logansport, Feb. 15-28, there will be preaching every night, and practical colporteur work each day. Let us make this a profitable season.

In the last issue of the REPORTER it stated there would be a meeting of the Indiana Conference Committee, Tuesday, Feb. 5. It should have read Tuesday, Feb. 6. We hope to see every member of the committee present, to remain two days if necessary.

THE new edition of "Hymns and Tunes" is now ready for delivery, and presents a neat appearance. It is bound in light green cloth, and is light and convenient. Price 75 cents. We hope our churches will supply themselves with this book to use in their devotional meetings.

SISTER ELLIS, wife of Elder J. M. Ellis, writes from Idaville: "My father who has been quite bitter against the truth for years has now fully accepted it; is very earnest, and is a great help in the work here. His wife also united with the church. We have had excellent meetings in our church this winter."

BROTHER OVERMAN gives an excellent report of the quarterly meeting at Marion. He says it was the best quarterly meeting ever held in the Marion church. Every one seemed to be filled with the spirit of God. Confessions were made, and there was a true spirit of love and forgiveness manifested. Six were added to the Marion church during the last quarter.

BROTHER J. W. MONTGOMERY writes from Terre Haute that there are five new converts there awaiting baptism. This is good. He is giving the message to his neighbors, and some are taking a stand for the truth. This is right, brethren and

sisters: do not wait for a minister to come and labor for your neighbors, but do all you can, and if you need help, then call on the Conference.

WHAT are you doing these long evenings in the way of supplying your neighbors with reading matter to assist them in improving their time profitably. We have a few churches that are ordering literature and placing it in the hands of their neighbors, but ten times as many ought to be engaged in this work as are, and we hope soon to see the old plan of reporting revived, and quarterly or monthly reports appearing in the REPORTER.

PLANS are being laid to hold a canvassers institute at Logansport, Feb. 15 to 28. The Conference will pay the traveling expenses of those who will attend, and enter the canvassing work to make a business of it. The brethren and sisters of Logansport will open their doors to care for these consecrated workers during the institute. We hope there will be a good company of earnest workers who will go forth from this gathering to sow the seeds of present truth.

MOUNT ZION CHURCH.

I LEFT home Dec. 7, and by request of the president of the conference, went to Patricksburg and remained with the church during the week of prayer. We had a real spiritual feast and the church was much revived.

From Patricksburg I came to Tell City, and have held meetings with the Mount Zion church each night and Sabbath to the present time—Jan. 16. In the twenty-one years of my ministry I have never witnessed such a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit as at this place.

The people for miles around are stirred as never before; many are going from house to house studying the Bible, and men not in the church admit that the end is near. The church is greatly revived, and twenty-two have already united with the church; two by letter and twenty by confession. The interest is great; some coming several miles, although the roads are very muddy. We hope that others will come in soon. Pray for me, and the work here.

F. M. ROBERTS.

WEEK OF PRAYER AT KENNARD.

ANOTHER week of prayer has come and gone, and we trust it has been a source of blessing to all God's people. It was especially so with the Kennard church. The first Sabbath, after much prayer and supplication for more of the Spirit of the Lord, we had the first reading which contained so many good things for us.

In the midst of the week we were made glad by the coming of Elder Bartlett, which added much to the services. His coming was a source of blessing to our little church as we had not been visited by a minister for nearly three years.

We praise the Lord for the dear young people in our church and for their zeal in the work. The week of prayer was an encouragement to some of them, as was evidenced by their prayers ascending to the throne of grace the last Sabbath, for more of the Spirit of the Lord. Thus closed another week of prayer which was a source of much blessing to the Kennard church. To God be all the glory.

J. A. HAMILTON, elder.

WANTED!

WANTED: A woman to help do house work in family of three, and give some simple treatments. Also will furnish home, board, and clothes to a good energetic boy, for his work. Will do the right part by him. Prefer age from twelve to fifteen. None except Adventists need reply. References required. J. J. FELLOW,

R. F. D. NO. 3, Greentown, Indiana.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE: Eight roomed house, chicken park, out buildings, and five lots; all in good condition; located in the suburbs of the town of Eaton. A bargain to any one wishing to locate here. For terms, call on or address ATHAN METZKER, Eaton, Indiana.

OBITUARY.

MYERS: Our mother, Mrs. Julia Myers, died at our home Dec. 28, in the seventy-eighth year of her age. She has been a helpless invalid for more than three years.

We feel thankful to the brethren and sisters for their kindness to us during her sickness, and the time following.

MARY C. YOUNG.

W. A. YOUNG.