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Facts Concerning Our Work at Battle Creek. The Approaching Judgments Foretold.

Our people were told that the judgments of God would visit our work at Battle Creek. How slow we have been to believe! "It is time that there was a different order of things in Battle Creek, else the judgments of God will surely fall upon the people. July 2, 1894." This pointed warning and reproof was not enough to cause a rebellious people to give up cherished sins, so another came.

"That men should keep alive the spirit that ran riot at our General Conference in Minneapolis, is an offense to God. All heaven is indignant at the spirit that for years has been revealed in our publishing institution at Battle Creek. Unrighteousness is practised that God will not tolerate. He will visit for these things. A voice has been

heard pointing out the errors, and, in the name of the Lord, pleading for a decided change. But who have followed the instruction given? Who have humbled their hearts, to put from them every vestige of their wicked, oppressive spirit? I have been greatly burdened to set these matters before the people as they are. I know they will see them. I know that those who read this matter will be convicted. May 30, 1896."

The very fact that the antediluvian world and the cities of the plains had to be destroyed by water and fire proved that the people had fully rejected the counsels of God and that the limit of God's forbearance had been reached. There was no other way that a just God could cleanse the land of its pollution,—an ever rebellious people—so he used the elements of water and fire to destroy the people from the face of the earth. Christ suffered long with rebellious Jerusalem. So has he patiently borne with this selfish, rebellious people.

"Jerusalem is a representation of what the church will be if it refuses to receive and walk in the light that God has given. Jerusalem was favored of God as the depository of sacred trusts. But her people perverted the truth, and despised all entreaties and warnings. They would not respect His counsels. The temple courts were polluted with merchandise and robbery. Selfishness and love of mammon, envy, and strife, were cherished. Every one sought for gain from his quarter."

"He comes to investigate in Battle Creek, which has been moving in the same track as Jerusalem. The publishing house has been

turned into desecrated shrines, into places of unholy merchandise and traffic. It has become a place where injustice and fraud have been carried on, where selfishness, malice envy, and passion have borne sway. Yet the men who have been led into this working upon wrong principles are seemingly unconscious of their wrong course of action. When warnings and entreaties come to them, they say, Doth she not speak in parables? Words of warning and reproof have been treated as idle tales.

"When Christ looked down from the crest of Olivet, He saw this state of things existing in every church. The warnings come down to all that are following in the tread of the people of Jerusalem, who had such great light. This people is before us as a warning. By rejecting God's warnings in this our day, men are repeating the sin of Jerusalem. The Lord sees what the human agent does not see and will not see,—the outcome of all the human devising in Battle Creek. He has done all that a God could do. He has flashed light before the eyes of the people, that their sins might not reach the boundary where repentance cannot be felt. But by a long process of departure from just and righteous principles, men have placed themselves where light and truth, justice and mercy, are not discerned. This course has become part of their very nature.

"I call upon all who have united in a course of action that is wrong in principle, to make a decided reformation, and forever after walk humbly with God. Jan. 12, 1898."

A. G. HAUGHEY.

Pacific Press Overturned by an Earthquake. Reorganization and Work.

All our people throughout the world have learned through the public press of the almost unparalleled disaster which has visited San Francisco and adjacent cities and towns within a radius of about 100 miles.

In this brief statement we will not attempt a repetition of facts concerning this awful calamity, but wish to place before you its effects upon our own work and our plans for the future.

When the Pacific Press moved from Oakland to Mountain View two years ago, it was the definite intention of the board to set aside commercial work, and turn the facilities of the Press entirely upon the publication of the Third Angel's Message. But our denominational work has not increased as was hoped, and it has seemed necessary to keep up the commercial work to some extent, and little by little it has been growing to occupy a strong position in the office. In a few seconds the great earthquake settled this question. Our customers are ruined. All our commercial jobs must stop where they are, and the work done is probably lost. To-day there is no commercial San Francisco from which we can look for work. In its place we stand in the shadow of a great calamity, the meaning of which we know; and this meaning must be told to the world. Therefore, we have decided:

1. To repair our shattered building with frame work in place of brick, and make it safe for operations.

2. To close out commercial work, as far as possible.

3. To go to the world with this message, and throw all our energies and facilities into publishing the signs of these times.

4. To call upon our people everywhere to stand loyally by the Pacific Press and devote their energies to the circulation of our books, tracts and papers; for we must depend upon our people to scatter the

literature. And by doing it they will give the world the light, and will give to the Pacific Press sufficient work to save the office from further loss.

5. As the most urgent and important step, to issue immediately a special number of the Signs of the Times, which will be called the EARTHQUAKE SPECIAL.

We trust that in the light of this great warning to the world our people will be equal to the needs of the hour and give the paper the circulation which the issue demands.

The Pacific Press is readjusting all its working facilities for publishing these words of warning. The editors, with several photographers and other assistants, are in Oakland, and San Francisco and San Jose gathering material for the paper. Offices have been opened in a private house for pushing the circulation.

We are fully confident that God will move upon his people to spring to the front and do valiant service in this glorious work. Cannot every Seventh Day Adventist in our ranks sell or give away from 100 to 1000 papers? Some in country places cannot take so many. Others will be so situated that they can circulate large numbers. Prices are as follows:

For quantities less than 1000 to one name and address, 3¢ each.

For more than 1000 to one name and address, 2½ cents each.

Send orders by letter or wire direct to the Pacific Press, Mountain View, Cal.

The papers will be issued in about six days. There is no time to lose. Please decide to do great things, and do them at once.

C. K. JONES,

E. R. PALMER,

J. R. FERREN,

Special committee.

Missionary.

A Commendable Example.

"They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his

brother, Be of good courage. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheneth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the soldering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved." Isa. 41:6,7.

Brother, sister, are you doing what you can to encourage your brother or sister to do what they can toward the proclamation of the last message of mercy God has for the people of this sin-cursed earth? If it is impossible for you to assist in carrying the printed pages of present truth to the people, will you not do what you can to encourage someone else to go? I am satisfied that there are many in our churches who naturally feel incapable of doing this work that they would like to see done, and have never given it a trial because those who know them best have never tried to encourage them by speaking to them personally about it. Let us be more ready to "speak a word in season" for the advancement of the book work. The conference has not asked one person to assume all this responsibility.

Those who are engaged in the sale of our books are having blessed experiences that none can ever know till they find them themselves in service. The following is a report of work that has been made to me:

Joseph Franklin, Howard City, Bible Readings, 3 orders, \$8.75.

James Johnson, Trufant, Great Controversy, 14 orders, \$30.15

James Johnson, Trufant, Helps, \$7.10.

Horace Spear, Grand Rapids, Seer of Patmos, 109 orders, \$109.00.

Horace Spear, Grand Rapids, Helps, \$57.75.

Totals, 125 orders, \$212.75.

I shall be glad to hear from any one who contemplates taking up the work, that I may render any assistance possible. I trust all will be faithful in sending me reports of work done.

GEORGE MATTESON.

Missionary Opportunities.

To those who love the truths which have made us a peculiar people nothing is dearer than the

study and rehearsal of the evidences of our faith as found in God's Word and as revealed in his dealings with this people for the last sixty or more years. There is a sweetness and joy in this that makes our eternal home seem very near and dear.

And to those who have not yet learned the joy of these things, but are led by others to an investigation of them, the story is one of interest and wonder. No effort we can put forth can be more blessed than this very work of interesting others in present truth, and it is a work in which all may have a part.

Elder J. N. Loughborough is writing a series of articles which are the fruit of his long experience in this cause; they breathe a spirit of deep, refreshing reverence for God's Word, and in them the inspiration and hope of the Advent people appear in their truly magnificent setting—the fulfilment of prophecy and the sure promises of God. As these articles are read the mind instinctively fills with the solemn, beautiful meaning of the Advent Message.

The articles on the Advent Movement will appear in *THE WATCHMAN* beginning about the middle of May. The series is one which you, your friends, relatives, and neighbors should read. Much of the manuscript is already on hand and is certainly most excellent matter.

While this series is running the *WATCHMAN*'s regular contributors will write on some very choice subjects, and Elders Butler and Haskell will continue their powerful articles along the lines of old-time Adventist faith.

Subscribe at once, requesting your subscription to begin with the "Articles on the Advent Movement." Send in the names of others who ought to have the paper. Terms: six months 50 cents; one year \$1.00.

Order through the West Michigan Tract Society, or address,
SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION
Nashville, Tennessee.

Our German Papers.

On the first of April, we changed our German missionary paper, *THE CHRISTLICHER HAUSFREUND*, from a 16 page weekly at \$1.25 to a 20 page semi-monthly, including the cover, at \$1.00 per year. Our purpose will be to make it more salable, so that our workers in our large cities can sell it.

We have also changed our German Church paper, *DEUTSCHER*, from a small 8 page monthly at 25 cents to a larger 8 page semi-monthly at 50 cents per year. These two papers will be issued alternately.

The *HAUSFREUND* will contain the Sabbath-school lessons for the Seniors, as before, while the *ARBEITER* will contain the Intermediate lessons. Thus both papers will be a help to every family, and we believe our German brethren and workers will appreciate the change.

Order of your Tract Society, or of the Int. Pub. Assn., College View, Neb.

From the Field.

Campobello, S. C., Church School.

The church school at this place began the last of October and has just closed a six months' term. The church has been organized less than a year, and, having no church or school building, the facilities have been quite crude. The school was held in a 12x14 ft. room in a private house. Southern houses are built to be cool in summer, not warm in winter. Our room was warmed by a fireplace in front of which the pupils sat in a circle, much of the time their faces being too warm and their backs too cold.

We had about twenty-five square feet of blackboard, two small tables, and some chairs. Homemade desks later took the place of the chairs.

The school numbered five pupils at the beginning and later increased to ten, two of whom were married women. Our one session began at eight o'clock and closed at half past twelve. This arrange-

ment was found necessary at first in order that the children might spend the afternoons in picking cotton. It proved so satisfactory that it was continued throughout the term.

Plans have been made to continue the school another year, we hope under more favorable circumstances. An acre of land has been set apart on which to erect a church and school building. They are in need of help to complete the building as all are poor in this world's goods and are making sacrifices to carry the truth in this needy field. It is the intention to use the land as a means of industrial education and make it a help in supporting the school.

The Lord has been with us thus far and we know he will bless future efforts in his name.

There are about one hundred Sabbath-keepers in the state and two other schools,—a mission school and a family school. There are also two young people's societies.

This is a long-neglected field and "white already to harvest." "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

ELIZA WARNER.

Educational.

The Kind of Teacher I Like.

Scholars may choose their teachers for various reasons. Some may choose one who is lively and can tell funny stories to make us laugh. Others like the teacher best who will be easy with his class and does not care whether his scholars have their lessons or not, and who hurries through with the questions and then sits down and waits for the other classes to get through with their lesson.

But I like the teacher who is present every Sabbath and is not always tardy. I like an experienced teacher who takes an interest in the lesson and in things in which we are interested, and who makes us feel that we want to take an in-

terest in the lesson ourselves. I should choose a teacher who knows interesting things about the lesson and is kind, and whose daily life is in harmony with the truths taught.

When a good teacher is once found, I should choose to keep him rather than exchange teachers every little while. Sometimes they made us sad by taking our teacher away from us just as we have become interested in him and begin to like him. We do not always like our teacher so well at first, but when we find that he can tell us more about the lesson than we know ourselves and can help us to understand it by telling us more about it than we get from the questions, then we like to keep him for our teacher and do not think it best to take him away from us and give us one who does not like to talk to us about the lesson. I think the teacher should know a great deal more about the lesson than we do so he can help us to understand the things which are hard for us.

FRANCES CUPIT.

Battle Creek News.

Dr. Fromm passed through Battle Creek last week, stopping over for a few hours only.

Elder W. H. Heckman spent a day or so at Cedar Lake and Grand Rapids last week.

Dr. Paulson spent Sabbath in Battle Creek, speaking Sabbath evening in the Sanitarium chapel.

At the close of the young people's meeting Sabbath, April 21, five young people were baptized, making fourteen young people who have been baptized within the last month.

Quite an amount of money has been donated and our Dorcas Society is preparing to send a little material aid to the friends in Mountain View and San Francisco who may need help.

Sabbath, April 28, being Home Missionary Day, Prof. B. E. Nicola

delivered a very practical missionary sermon in the morning, and in the afternoon a carefully prepared missionary program was rendered in the tabernacle before a large and interested audience.

HOME MISSIONARY PROGRAM.

Song—"The Call for Reapers".....Congregation
Prayer.....Elder Bourdeau
Song—"Would You Have the Sunshine?".....Choir
Trio—"There's Much That We Can Do".....
.....Three Girls
Quartette—"Beautiful Isle of Somewhere".....
.....Four Little Boys
Sermon in Rhyme.....Howard Bayley
Quartette—"The Missionary Bells".....
.....Four Young Ladies
Chimes in Many Tongues.....Miss Grace Ayers
Music by the Choir
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing".....
.....Four Girls From Haskell Home
Sermonette.....Elder Heckman
Male Quartette—"Speed Away"
Song—"I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go".....
.....Congregation
Benediction.

News and Notes.

The editor attended a Sabbath school convention at Mendon last Sabbath.

The quarterly meeting for South Monterey, Allegan, Otsego, and Kalamazoo churches will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Kalamazoo Sabbath, May 5.

Brother Edward Collier spent Sabbath and Sunday, April 21 and 22, at Union City. He reports a pleasant and profitable time, as there is quite a good interest at that place.

Brother J. W. Hofstra writes as follows: I have started work in Holland. I am visiting those who have manifest some interest in the past so that when we pitch a tent here we will have an interest to start with. My address is 276 Iste Ave., and my telephone number is 671 Citizens' Phone."

Wanted—An earnest, loyal Seventh-day Adventist to come into this neighborhood, during the months of May and June, and cir-

culate "Life and Health," "Signs of the Times," "Desire of Ages," and other literature. One of the college students would be welcome. Address, Mrs. Richard McConnell, Watervliet, R. D. No. 1, Berrien county, Mich.

The Lake Union Conference begins Tuesday, May 8th. It will be necessary for the delegates to take straw ticks, sheets, pillows and pillow cases, blankets or comfortables. Cars are running on the Interurban line from Niles to the College grounds. Those having baggage must see that it is transferred to the Interurban depot in Niles and it will be taken to the College grounds.

I have an eighty-acre farm, good land, new barn and house, orchard. Will sell and give time on part. J. C. Wells, Huber, Newaygo county, Mich.

From Australia comes this cheering word: "With the help of the SABBATH-SCHOOL WORKER not only the children's lessons but the senior lessons are made clear and interesting. Our teachers find this good paper not only a help but also a great spiritual blessing, for it gives the food that old and young require. I feel so thankful to our Heavenly Father for His great love and wisdom in bringing about such plans whereby we can study His holy Word. I trust you will have our club renewed at once as we cannot afford to miss one number."

"The world will not be convinced of the sweetness of your faith by the sourness of your face."

"It is better to do faithfully the work within our reach, than to spend our time wishing for things far away."

"Conscience is a sleeping giant. We may lull him to deep slumber, but his starts are terrible in the waking hour."