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## SERMON ON ORGANIZATION

Delivered in the Battle Creek Tabernacle, Sabbath, Feb. 9, 1907, by Elder M. N. Campbell.

Hymn 1021 sung.

The hymn we have just sung voices the sentiments of my heart with reference to the church of God.

That organization stands before the Lord as the child of His tender care, more precious to Him than the apple of His eye. My dear brethren, we ought at this time to entertain more exalted views of the sacredness of the church as it appears in the sight of God. There is nothing that wounds me more deeply than to hear men stand up and deride the Church of God. I do not know of a more serious sin a man can commit than to tarnish the fair name of the church God has called out in these last days to stand as His representative, and to carry to a perishing world the last offer of mercy it will ever hear.

We are living in a time when men do not hesitate to commit sins for which in former ages, God would have smitten them with instant death. It is most alarming, when men who claim to be Christians, and Seventh-day Adventists at that, dare to deride and conspire against the church of God. It is a fearful thing, and the day of judgment will reveal just how terrible it is.

I have selected for the text this morning, 1 Cor. 14:40. "Let all things be done decently and in order." It has been very truthfully said that "Order is Heaven's first law," and that being true, we may expect that in the church organization which God gives to His

people, there will be order first of all.

It will be proper to read a statement from EARLY WRITINGS page 121 by way of introduction. "I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps, the first, second, and third angels' messages. Said my accompanying angel, 'Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages.'" The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. I saw individuals approach the platform and examine the foundation. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the foundation. They wished improvements made, and then the platform would be more perfect, and the people much happier."

You have heard a good deal of such talk lately, haven't you? Men are telling the people they would be a whole lot happier if they would pull out some of the pins and arrange it differently.

"Some stepped off the platform to examine it, and declared it to be laid wrong. But I saw that nearly all stood firm on the platform and exhorted those who stepped off to cease their complaints; for God was the Master builder, and they were fighting against Him. They recounted the wonderful word of God which had led them to the firm platform, and in union raised their eyes to heaven, and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained and left the platform, and

they with humble look stepped upon it again."

For over fifty years this has been written in this book "Early Writings," and now within the last year or two, we have seen it all enacted before our eyes. The Lord caused His servant to write this all out years ago, that when it came to pass, we might know that God foresaw this very attempt to sidetrack the Third Angel's Message. It also greatly increases our confidence in the prophetic gift which God has placed in our midst.

Again I read on page 132 of the same book:

"I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the true witness to the Laodiceans. 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."

No more accurate description could have been given of the situation existing here in Battle Creek with reference to the Testimonies.

"I saw that the testimony of the true Witness had not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs, has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance; all who truly receive it will obey it and be purified. My attention was then turned to the company I had seen, who were mightily shaken. I was shown those whom I had before seen weeping and praying in agony of spirit. The company of guardian angels around them has been



doubled, and they were clothed with an armor from their head to their feet. THEY MOVED IN A PACT ORDER LIKE A COMPANY OF SOLDIERS."

Now, my friends, soldiers are the best organized people in the world. An army is thoroughly organized. The Lord declares that "They moved in exact order like a company of soldiers." This could not be realized without the most thorough organization. The purpose of organization among Seventh-day Adventists is to arrange for the systematic spreading of the Third Angel's message. There is another purpose our organization serves almost equally important, and that is to hold in check irregularities and fanaticisms which arise in our midst. It was the irregularities and fanaticisms in the early days of this message that compelled our people to organize in order to hold these disorderly elements in check. It is this disorderly element that is crying out against organization, for it stands in the way of their misleading and making merchandise of God's people. It is not the honest man who feels hurt over the laws against stealing; it is the thief. It was the thorough organization existing among us that made possible the crushing out of fanaticism in Iowa and Wisconsin in the early days of the Message, and which in more recent years demolished the "Holy Flesh" movement in Indiana. The effectiveness of our organization is seen in the holding of such things in check; and the present erratic movement will be crushed just as thoroughly and do not forget that for a single instant. I never for a moment doubted but what this present effort to becloud the light of this glorious message, would come to naught and sink into darkness. God's work is bound to triumph in the earth. It is for us to believe and stand right together on the platform that God has built for His people, and stay there. There is our safety.

(To be continued.)

## Medical.

### How to Prevent Sickness.

During the spring and winter season we find sickness much more prevalent than during the warmer months of the year. So much so is this that many have a dread of the winter, and frequently say that if they can only keep well during the winter and early spring, they will have no fear for the rest of the year. Now this is possible. Since sickness comes only from certain causes one may be well, just to the extent that he avoids those causes.

A little thought will show us what are the most important causes. Of these, we find exposure, as a cause, but not so commonly so as some suppose. Dress warm enough to avoid getting chilled, and have the extremities protected from the cold, no matter what may be the fashion. Never sacrifice health to fashion. The present exposure of the arms from the elbow down is a great cause of ill health among young ladies.

Avoid getting wet or allowing the feet to become wet, and if they get wet don't leave them so. Take a hot foot bath and replace dry clothing.

But, in avoiding exposure, don't go to the other extreme, and stay in the house altogether. These easily take cold, on going out, or even without going out. A cold may be taken in an over heated room, if not supplied with sufficient fresh air, more readily than out of doors. The cold of out doors, to those who are properly clothed, serves as a preventative to taking cold, by stimulating vitality. Then spend a portion of each day out of doors, and during this time thoroughly aerate your lungs, by full deep breathing. You thus expell from them germs that have been taken in while in doors, and the extra supply of oxygen serves to destroy materials, due to systemic waste.

The principal requisites of good health are a moderate supply of

good food, a good digestion, and a good circulation. I say moderate supply of food because too many, whose habits are sedentary, eat too much, and from this fermentation results, increasing the waste poisons, which makes the individual subject to colds, biliousness and congestive troubles. Especially is this so if flesh food forms a part of their diet. In this condition one becomes an easy victim to more serious diseases.

Other preventatives may be mentioned as a warm bath occasionally, and a cold friction bath each morning. These measures keep the circulation free from accumulated waste poisons, and maintain an active circulation. Those who suffer from rheumatic pains, will find these measures a sure preventative.

But suppose you forget and take cold, or get "the grippe," shall you swallow Bromo Quinine, Orangine, or somebody's "Cure a cold in a day" preparation. No, by no means, unless you are in shape to undergo a long spell of sickness. Too often, these preparations cure a cold by substituting a disease far more serious. Most cases of pneumonia following colds are due more to cough medicines that have been swallowed than to the "cold on the lungs" as it is called.

Cathartics are at times of value, but much better still is a large hot enema. If the cold has lasted for some days follow this with a hot foot bath and fomentations to the spine, or a full hot bath, vapor, hot air or tub.

If there is a cough apply fomentations to chest and place a cold compress here to be worn all night. It should be well covered so that there is no chance for evaporation. If there is a sore throat apply the compress about the neck.

There are other measures that are of value, but these can be given in any home and are very effective.

Give the patient large hot drinks, as hot lemonade; and if the patient is not well in a day continue the treatment.



These are of value in all cases of coughs, colds, la grippe, sore throat, tonsillitis, etc. Always act when the first symptoms appear and you will avoid most winter ills.

L. J. OTIS.

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### Educational.

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#### Charlotte Church School.

I have been thinking that perhaps it is my duty to send in a report of the progress of the church school work in this place. I have always looked with so much interest for the Herald and the good reports of the other church schools, not thinking that perhaps others might be interested in the welfare of the work here, but no reports of the school work has appeared for some time and I thought perhaps it was our turn to report.

We certainly have had nothing to complain of in the work here, for the Lord has prospered the school work at this place. Our school commenced last September with an attendance of 16 and at the present time it has reached 24. We thank the Lord for this as we are enabled to bring so many more under the influence of the church school. Also when school opened we had no library and at the present time we have over thirty volumes which have proved to be a source of great help in our school work. These books have all been presented by the patrons of the school and some of them are fine books, well bound. We are also thankful for this help, for it demonstrates that the hearts of the parents are being turned toward their children.

We have other helps in our school room which we had not at the beginning of the year, such as maps and dictionary. As far as the spiritual condition of the school is concerned we can say that the earnest prayers raised to God daily by the pupils are reaching the ear of God, and he is pouring out his blessing upon us, for many who have never taken any part in the

young people's work, are coming forward and carrying burdens that they thought it not possible for them to bear before.

In spite of all these blessings we are not satisfied; we long to have the presence of the Lord in our midst daily, and recognize each day that Christ is indeed and in truth our Great Teacher.

IRMA G. PARKS.

### LIBERTY.

The fourth number of LIBERTY now ready, completes the first year of this new magazine. As to age, it is a mere babe, but in influence and power it has proven to be a giant. Its average circulation during the nine months it has been published reaches nearly to 50,000 copies per issue. No doubt it will have a circulation of 100,000 copies before the close of its second year.

The fourth number of LIBERTY, while it reveals improvement along religious liberty lines in foreign countries, it presents conclusive evidence that the pagan and papal philosophy of union of church and state is rapidly growing in favor in the United States. The special message for this time is, therefore, "Proclaim liberty to the captives." Let the people understand that the spirit of the gospel is opposed to bondage of any kind, and has no part in religious coercion; that God has left every man free to choose or reject divine government; that the right to believe and to worship includes the equal right not to believe and to refuse to worship; that religious freedom is heaven-born,—a gift of God, and does not admit enforced observances.

The fundamental principles of religious liberty upon which the foundation of this nation was built, is being eclipsed by the philosophy and sophistry of National Reformism, and those who are favored with a clear conception of the only worship and service acceptable to God have resting upon them a binding obligation to impart this knowledge to those about them. A mighty struggle between truth

and error is upon this nation. The issue is clearly drawn, and its culmination is not far in the future.

Let all the readers of the "Herald" ponder the present crisis and arrange to do their full duty in disseminating the gems of truth associated with the gospel of liberty. Send for a liberal supply of the magazine and sell them in your community. The people will buy them readily if properly presented to them. They are interested. This is a live, interesting issue in which all intelligent people are more interested than appears upon the surface.

LIBERTY is a quarterly magazine of 32 pages. The subscription price is only 25 cents a year, or 25 or more copies in one order to one address, 2½ cents a copy. The retail price is five cents a copy. Order through the tract society, or direct from the publishers, LIBERTY, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

#### Obituary.

Francisco—Fell asleep in Jesus at Rock Falls, Illinois, Jan. 31, 1907, of typhoid pneumonia. Sister Ida Francisco, aged 34 years, 10 months and 9 days. Sister Ida was greatly reduced in health and strength, having had the constant care of her dear mother for several years, who died of consumption about a year and a half ago. A few months after the death of her mother she went to Rock Falls, Ill. to rest up and regain her health. She was sick only nine days when she passed from the bitter pains and trials of this life to rest in the arms of the blessed Saviour. She was faithful and true to her holy trust till the last. The remains were taken to Allegan, Mich., where the funeral was conducted by Elder J. W. Hofstra of Otsego, Mich. She was then laid away to rest in the Allegan cemetery beside her father and mother to await the resurrection from the dead at the sound of the last trump. She leaves two sisters and two brothers, besides many dear friends and more



remote relatives to mourn their loss. But they sorrow not as those who have no hope.

R. C. HORTON.

#### Canvassers' Institute.

At a late meeting of the Executive Committee of the West Michigan Conference the following action was taken: "That we hold our Canvassers' Institute at Kalamazoo, March 21 to April 2. That we furnish room and board to those attending without personal cost to them. That we refund the traveling expenses to and from the institute upon the sale and delivery of \$50.00 worth of books. That Elder B. F. Kneeland have charge of the business arrangements for the institute, Brother J. B. Blosser have the institute in charge, and that Elders Campbell and Heckman assist in giving instruction."

I feel very sure that the time has fully come when the canvassing work in the West Michigan Conference will be entered into with greater zeal and energy by God fearing men and women than has been manifested for many months in the past.

After making a careful study of the reports of the work of the conferences of the Lake Union and those of the Atlantic Union, for a period of six months, I find there has been an average of more than one hundred canvassers in the field. These of course, have been men, women and children. For the time reported this body of workers have averaged sales of fully one dollar per hour for all the time engaged in work.

There seems to be a general revival in this line of our work throughout all these conferences.

We hope to see a goodly number of our West Michigan people in attendance at the soon-coming institute. We hope every church elder with all his associate officers will see to it that at least one person is engaged in this work from their respective churches. Those desiring further information concerning the institute should write

to E. A. Merriam, Otsego, Mich., or Elder B. F. Kneeland, 1228 Portage St., Kalamazoo, Mich.

A. G. HAUGHEY, President.

#### An Open Letter to the Retired Canvassers of the West Michigan Conference.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

Many of you have had rich experiences in the past when engaged in the distribution of our denominational literature. Some of you have passed through trying experiences.

Never in the history of our work have we had so favorable opportunity for the distribution of our denominational books as the present. The experiences you have gained in the past in this line of work will be of untold benefit to you as you take up this work anew. We feel encouraged to know that some of you have already decided to do this. Some are now engaged in this house to house evangelistic work, and we hope many more will respond to the call of the hour.

You are all needed at the soon-coming institute, and we hope none of you will stay away. We want your services. We want your influence. In fact we want you in person. We hope to see at least fifty men and women engaged in this work as soon as the institute will have closed. Who will be the first to respond to this open letter?

A. G. HAUGHEY.

#### To Church Elders.

We are especially desirous that every elder of the local churches in the West Michigan Conference will avail himself of the present opportunity of sending at least one or more young persons to attend the soon-coming Canvassers' Institute.

The outlook is very encouraging. We anticipate a larger attendance at this institute than any that has been held in the West Michigan Conference. We have never had so good an opportunity to sell books as at the present time. Our canvassers in the field are doing good

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work. One young man began work in Kalamazoo, and last week he took twenty orders for Daniel and Revelation—his first week's work. There is no reason why hundreds of others cannot do as well. Almost every church has one or more persons who could with profit devote their time to this line of work.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

#### News and Notes.

We hope the young people of West Michigan Conference will do their part in raising money to start a mission among 40,000 Finns located in the North Peninsula of Michigan.

Miss Frances Case, a teacher of experience both in public and church school work, is visiting the church schools while Brother Russell is confined to his home. We are glad to say however, that Bro. Russell is improving but it may be some time yet before he will be able to be in the field. We are very sure the teachers will appreciate the help that Miss Case will be able to render in the educational work.

#### One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund.

Previously Reported	1,480 96
Allegan Church	1 50
Mrs. Helen Jewell	2 53
Mrs. E. P. Donalson	2 53
Mrs. Myrta L. Benton	2 53
Mrs. George Benton	2 53
Mrs. S. A. Orcutt	5 00
Bert Benson	1 00
A Friend	1 00
Allendale Church	1 00
Bangor Church	1 00
Battle Creek Church	64 86
Grand Rapids Church	114 75
Total	1,690 19