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The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints.

NUMBER ONE.

Sermon delivered in the Tabernacle
March 23, 1907, By Elder M. N. Campbell.

Your attention is invited this morning to the words found in the third verse of Jude.

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints."

I present this morning from this text, these words of earnest exhortation and admonition. They are as much "Meat in due season" for the people living in this age, for the people composing the remnant Christian church, as they were

"meat in due season" for the people in the Apostolic age.

This an age characterized by a spirit of skepticism. Satan has been bringing in doubts and unbelief under a new guise. During the long ages of persecution, the people of God treasured His word most highly. Readily would they have laid down their lives for the faith that had been delivered to them; but as this persecution passed by, and days of prosperity took their place, Satan tried new methods to overturn the gospel. Payne, Ingersoll and others of the same stripe arose and by argument and ridicule sought to undermine faith in God and His word. But for all the argument of such men of talent—for they were men possessing the brightest intellects of the time in which they lived,—they were unable to make any real impression of the faith of God's people. And so a new guise was adopted in order to carry forward this satanic work, and under the mask of higher criticism, Biblical Criticism. Men who had been ordained to preach the Word in season and out of season, set themselves to teach things that directly undermined faith in the word of God; and it is a fact that to-day in the popular churches and in the theological seminaries of the land, theories are taught that even Robert Ingersoll himself would have hesitated to put forward. Higher Criticism is running rampant through all the earth to-day. So much so, that as one minister remarked, if this Higher Criticism of the Bible continued to be taught in the popular churches of the land, soon there would be but one refuge

remaining for those who cling to the Bible, and that will be the Catholic church. But my friends, there is a far safer refuge than that. The Roman Catholic church is no refuge for a man who believes the Bible. That is not the place where God would have His people take refuge. In these last days God has raised up a different standard from that, calling attention to those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus. And those who cling to the Bible as their only rule of faith will eventually be numbered among that people.

My dear friends, God exhorts us to earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. We often hear it said that it makes no difference what a man believes so long as he is sincere. There never was a more fatal error taught to fallen man than that. If it does not make any difference what a man believes so long as he is sincere, why did God take the pains to give us the Bible? Why, then, did he send us His only begotten Son? It makes all the difference in the world, my friends, whether we believe a lie or the truth. We should take the greatest pains to know for certain that our faith is built upon the Rock, the truth of God. It is not a proof of love to our fellow man, to sit idly by these days, while error is being taught. The man who unmasks error is not an enemy to his fellow men. He it is who truly loves them. Jesus in His time, tore away the mask from the Pharisees, exposed their hypocrisy, and warned the people to avoid their teachings. When wolves get into the flock and com-

mence their deadly work, the faithful watchman must give the alarm, and put forth his best efforts to thwart the evil from progressing farther. The wolves will of course object to the exposure, and raise the cry that the watchman is lacking in the spirit of love in treating them so. In these days when Satan is working so hard to subvert the faith of God's people, when he is sending forth his emissaries as wolves in sheep's clothing, it is incumbent upon the watchmen on Zion's walls to give the trumpet a certain sound that people may take warning and escape. They must not be diverted by the charges of "uncharitableness." We must "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints."

(To be continued.)

The Haskell Home.

There are in the Haskell Home at Battle Creek a number of children that belong in the Lake Union Conference; and as the General Conference has recommended that each union conference should have the care of all the orphan children within its own borders, arrangements having been made by which all the children now in the Home must be provided for outside of that institution, it becomes necessary for the Lake Union Conference to make provision for those now in the Home, as well as others that may need care, either by placing them in a home especially prepared for them, where they can be cared for, or by placing them in families to be educated and brought up as the children of the family.

It has been suggested that there are a number of responsible people in the various conferences of the Lake Union, that would be glad to take one or more of these children and adopt them into their family. The ages of the children range from five to fifteen years. Some of them are girls, and some are boys.

If any of the readers of this article are interested in these children, and would like to take one or more of them into their family, they

should first obtain a recommendation from the president of their conference, and then send their application to the secretary of the Lake Union Conference, W. H. Edwards, 223 Unity Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind., and he will see that it is forwarded to the proper parties, and the applicant will be given an opportunity to visit the children and select such as he may desire to adopt. Only Seventh-day Adventist families need apply, and these must be reliable and responsible.

ALLEN MOON.

Special Temperance Number of the Youth's Instructor May 14, 1907.

The INSTRUCTOR will issue an especially attractive Temperance Number bearing date of May 14, 1907. Some idea of the nature of the contents of this special number may be obtained from the following partial outline of the topics to be treated:—

True Temperance: Why Condemn the Use of Alcoholic Drinks? A Scene That Appalled the Heathen; Crime and Liquor; Legalized Drunkard-making; Alcoholism and Degradation; Food or Poison—Which? Cause of Appetite for Alcohol; Our Reasons for Demanding the Close of the Saloons Every Day; Physiological Effects of Alcohol and Tobacco; Progress of Vegetarian Ideas; Dr. Wylie on a Vegetarian Diet; Tobacco and Liquor as Companions; Students and Tobacco Using; No Christian Should Use Tobacco; Boys and Tobacco Seen Through Other Eyes; License Laws; Appeal to Christians; Statistics; News Notes on the progress of the temperance work and general temperance information.

This special number of the INSTRUCTOR will afford the children and young people a chance to do some good remunerative missionary work along a line much needed in every community. The INSTRUCTOR being an educator, the public mind can be reached and educated through it better than

many other publications. The youth of this age have an obligation resting upon them in connection with the temperance movement. This Special Temperance Number of the INSTRUCTOR will place within their reach a means by which they may discharge this obligation.

The retail price of the Special Temperance Number of the INSTRUCTOR will be 5 cents a copy. When 25 or more copies are ordered at one time, to one address, the rate will be 2 cents a copy; when less than 25 copies are ordered at one time, the price will be 2½ cents a copy.

Orders for the Special Temperance Number may be made through the regular channels, or direct to the publishers.

YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR,
Takoma Park,
Washington, D. C.

Do You Agree?

A question I would like to ask of every one who reads this article is, Do you harmonize with the statement recently made by one of the officers of a leading conference in the United States? While some are saying that the calls are becoming so frequent that the people are becoming discouraged, and look upon the raising of the \$150,000 fund as a great burden, we are thankful to see that many are writing something in the vein of this brother.

The following is a quotation from his letter to the writer: "I trust the \$150,000 fund will soon be raised, and another one started for \$200,000 when that is off our hands. We know that if a few such amounts are raised, the work will close, and our Saviour will come and bring deliverance to his people; and that is what we are longing for. May the Lord hasten that glad day."

This has the true ring. This is the right spirit. These calls for large sums of money to build up our denominational institutional

work, to set in prominent position and in dark places of the earth the lighthouses of saving truth, are a strong indication that the work will soon be finished. Are your feeble? Does your courage fail? A short, sharp, mighty conflict, the last, and all is over. O let us be faithful in being, in saying, in doing, in giving.

J. S. WASHBURN.

Helpful Hints in Orthography.

Orthography treats of the nature and power of letters, and correct spelling.

There are 26 letters and 43 elementary sounds.

A letter is a sign of a sound.

A word is the sign of an idea.

A sentence is the expression of a thought in words.

Letters are divided into vowels and consonants.

The vowels are—*a, e, i, o, u*, and *w* and *y* when used in place of *u* and *i*. All other letters are consonants.

A vowel sound can be produced without interruption by the organs of speech.

A consonant sound cannot be thus produced.

The organs of speech are the lips, teeth, tongue, and palate.

Dicritical marks are signs used to indicate the various sounds of letters. They are extremely important and should be taught thoroughly, early in the grades.

A diphthong is a union of two vowels to produce one sound. A proper diphthong is when both vowels are sounded, *oi* and *oy* are called separable, and *ou* and *ow*, inseparable diphthongs. An improper diphthong, called also a digraph, is when only one of the vowels is sounded, as *ie* in *niece*.

A triphthong is a union of three vowels to produce one sound.

An apthong is a silent letter, or letters.

A syllable is a distinct sound.

Stress is force of utterance.

Accent is a stress of voice on a certain word, or words.

Articulation is a distinctness of utterance.

A primitive, or root word is one not derived from another word.

A derivative word is one formed from a root word by the use of prefixes or suffixes.

A prefix is a syllable placed at the beginning of a word.

A suffix is a syllable placed at the end of a word.

A simple word is one not made up of other words.

A compound word is one made up of two or more words; as, *stove-pipe*.

Good reading aloud is a rare accomplishment. It requires a correct pronunciation, distinct articulation, and proper emphasis and expression.

Here are a few words for pronunciation. Look them up in the dictionary if you are not certain. *Apricot, abdomen, savor, museum, gladiolas, Belial, finance, docile, Malay, deficit, ally, museum, idea, isolated, debris, impious, jocund, divan, bronchitis, tonsilitis, placard, resources, amenable, address, alias, apparatus, cafe, Asia, Danish, supple, sacrifice, saline, salmon, tepid, squalor, root, tour, penal, irreparable, leisure, Orion, oasis, Palestine, maritime, favorite, genuine, bade, harass, harem, forge, horizon, integral, faucet, illustrate, hostile, heinous, reptile, exquisite, dross, forehead.*

Here are a few common rules for spelling: Final *e* is dropped before a suffix beginning with a vowel except after *c* and *g* solf; as, *come, coming*. Words ending in *y* preceded by a consonant, change *y* to *i* and add *es* to form plural; as *city, cities*. Words of one syllable, and those accented on the last syllable, ending in a single consonant following a single vowel, double the final consonant before a suffix beginning with a vowel; as *hot, hotter; rebel, rebellion*.

An excellent manual of orthography can be obtained by addressing Henry R. Pattengill, Lansing, Mich., and enclosing 25c.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL,

From the Field.

I am pleased to report that the work in this corner of the vineyard is onward, and in our visit with the brethren their desire seems to be to push forward and finish the Christian race. For this we are glad. At Clifford Lake we found it necessary to tarry a little space to review before the people the message for this time. The result was that one family renewed their covenant with the Lord and two other dear souls are rejoicing in the truth. Others are planning to obey.

At Howard City and at Edmore the Lord came in with his spirit and we enjoyed the time spent together. We learned at both of the last named places that souls are planning to begin to keep the Sabbath. May the Lord remember his vineyard with copious showers of the "latter rain" and lead us ever onward until we shall hear the "well done."

Yours for the Master,
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hansen,
H. C. Pitton.

Lilac Dale School.

We have lately enjoyed such a beautiful experience in our Home, that we feel it would be a blessing to others to hear of it. The recent visit of Miss Frances Case was one of such marked blessing, and we know it has meant very much to our Home and school.

During the last few weeks our family has felt the need of being much in prayer. The workers have realized a special need of more grace and strength and wisdom in leading many precious wandering lambs into the fold of the dear Shepherd. Every morning before school is called, or our work for the day is begun, each one gladly joins in spending fifteen minutes in communion with the One alone who knows all our needs, our sorrows, our joys; with the One alone who can give us the strength and wisdom to meet the

experiences of each day with obedient grace.

We cannot praise God enough for the bountiful results of this quiet hour alone with Him. This soul communion with the Creator has more clearly revealed to ten struggling souls their Redeemer, and has remarkably strengthened each member of our Home, until now our entire family is one unbroken chain of redeemed souls, with not one missing link, bound for the kingdom of the One with whom we love to commune.

A few weeks ago it seemed as though the enemy would almost get the victory over two of our girls, but just about that time the Lord sent Miss Case to help us. During the Young People's meeting Sabbath afternoon, Miss Case talked to us of the beautiful experience she had had with her Saviour and of the wonderful way in which He had healed both her soul and body. Her experience was indeed touching and by the Holy Spirit was enabled to soften and subdue the hearts of these two until they made a full and complete surrender to their Saviour. We praise the Lord for these experiences.

Later, as we talked over the plans of the school work, Miss Case offered helpful suggestions, here and there, we could not help but think how grand and good it would be if every school in the land were founded on Christian principles and could be visited and assisted by a Christian secretary, attended by the Holy Spirit and the angels from the school above.

Since this visit five of these dear ones, with their past have been buried in the watery grave, and have arisen new creatures in Christ Jesus, and still others are thinking seriously of taking the same step. Again we praise the Lord for Christian education and for a part in it.

MAUDE G. HENRY.

Obituary.

Ruth Belle Keith was born February 22, 1877. She was married in 1896. At an early age she united with the Methodist church at Decatur, Illinois. After she moved to Michigan she received a letter of fellowship, but never handed it to any church of the Methodist denomination. In January 1907 she united with the Seventh Day Adventist church at Monterey. Her hope was bright until the last. The writer had the privilege of visiting her and talking with her about eternal things and her hope was in Him who died for her sins.

She fell asleep April 10th. She leaves a husband, one daughter, father, mother, four sisters and a number of friends to mourn their loss.

J. W. HOFSTRA.

News and Notes.

Elder B. F. Kneeland gave our office a call one day last week.

The May issue of the Life Boat will be a special prisoner's number.

Brother Clifford Russell spent last Sabbath with the church at Bangor.

Elder M. S. Burnham and E. A. Merriam were at Byron Center last Sabbath.

Wanted.—Some reports from our laborers for the columns of the West Michigan Herald.

Do not fail to read the sermon on the first page of this issue. It will be continued for two or three weeks.

Brother Myron Butterfield is canvassing in Kalamazoo and meeting with success. He has made 109 sales from 220 exhibitions.

"The Church: Its Organization, Order and Discipline" is the title of a pamphlet written by Elder J. N. Loughborough. Price twenty-five cents.

Nothing preventing the Medical Secretary, Educational Secretary, and Sabbath school Secretary will attend the convention, at Grand Ledge next Sabbath.

The General Conference Committee has voted to hold their Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention at Mount Vernon, Ohio, July 12-21, 1907.

All of our Sabbath schools and Young People's societies have not reported. We are waiting patiently (?) for these reports before we make out our quarterly report.

Wanted—a Seventh Day Adventist single man, between the ages of twenty and thirty years, for factory work. Prefer one who wants permanent employment. Address, Three "B" Duster Co., Buchanan, Mich.

Some of the Cedar Lake Academy boys have worked hard transplanting some trees on the front lawn. One nice, hard maple about eight inches in diameter has been planted in the center of the lawn. We trust they will do well in their new quarters, as they will add much to the looks of the lawn.

We have not heard from all of our young people in regard to the amount of work they are planning to do in the laying of the copper line for the Finns. We hope each young person in the West Michigan Conference will decide to do something and report to us as soon as possible. The copper line is growing. Do you want to help it grow faster?