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Awake! Awake! Awake!

I have a message from the Lord for all our churches. Divine truth is to be received and communicated; its saving principles are to enlighten the world. Those who are converted must become more and more intelligent in their understanding of the Scriptures, that they may be able to speak words of light and salvation to those who are in darkness, and perishing in their sins.

My brethren and sisters, when a camp-meeting is held, take pains to become acquainted with those who attend the meeting. Interest yourself in their soul's salvation. If in no other way, you can give the truth to the people by handing them papers and pamphlets. And not only at the camp-meeting, but in the neighborhood where you

live, seek to gain access to souls. Get acquainted with your neighbors. O how many have never opened their lips to inquire of neighbors and friends if they would be willing to hear something of the truths for the time in which we are living. My brethren and sisters, study your plans. Grasp every opportunity to speak to your neighbors and associates, or to read to them something from books that contain present truth. Show that you regard as of first importance the salvation of the souls for whom Christ made so great a sacrifice.

The end of this earth's history is near. The world is seeking for those things that perish with the using; its diligence and activity are not exerted to obtain the salvation gained through the imparted righteousness of Christ. At such a time as this, should professing Christians be indifferent to the needs of those who are perishing in their sins?

The times in which we live have a peculiar importance. Countries hitherto closed to the gospel are opening their doors, and are pleading for the Word of God to be explained to them. Kings and princes will open their long closed gates, inviting the heralds of the cross to enter. Can the Christian, who has the world for his field, fold his hands in idleness, and leave the sheaves ungathered? Eternity alone will reveal the results of well-directed efforts put forth now. Let every family who claims to believe the message put forth earnest, untiring efforts to proclaim the truth.

My sisters, do not spend money needlessly for dress, but dress plain-

ly. Fathers and mothers, educate your children to dress inexpensively; teach them to save their pennies for missionary work. Let every member of the family practice self-denial. Christ is our example. He was the Prince of glory, but He had such an interest in our world, that He left His riches, and came to this earth to live a life that should be an example to rich and poor alike. He taught that all should come together in unity and love, to work as He worked, to sacrifice as He sacrificed, and to love as children of God.

My brethren and sisters, you must be willing to be converted yourselves, in order to practice the self-denial of Christ. Dress plainly, but neatly. Spend as little as possible upon yourselves. Keep in your homes a self-denial box, into which you can put the money saved by little acts of self-denial. Day by day gain a clearer understanding of the Word of God, and improve every opportunity to impart the knowledge you have gained. Do not become weary in well-doing; for God is constantly imparting to you the great blessing of His Gift to the world. Co-operate with the Lord Jesus, and He will teach you the priceless lessons of His love. Time is short; in due season, when time shall be no longer, you will reap if you faint not.

In working for perishing souls, you have the companionship of angels. Thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand angels are waiting to co-operate with members of our churches in communicating the light that God has generously given, that a people may be prepared for the coming of Christ.

To those who love God sincerely, and have means, I am bidden to say, Now is your time to invest means in sustaining the work of the Lord. Now is the time to hold up the hands of the ministers in their self-denying efforts to save perishing souls. When you meet in the heavenly courts the souls you have helped to save, will you not have a glorious reward?

From many places calls are coming for ministers, for teachers, for physicians, to carry on the work in sanitariums; but we have not the trained workers to send. We have sanitariums, but we need more of these institutions in various places. We need schools that will be self-supporting, and this can be, if teachers and students will be helpful, industrious, and economical. There is no need for debts to accumulate on our schools. And the old debts should be cleared away.

Sacrifices must be made on every hand; we must devise and plan, and labor to the utmost to be thrifty and economical.

Those who have helped with their means in the purchase and operation of our sanitariums have placed their money where it has accomplished much good. These should rejoice that they have been able to put their Lord's money in the hands of the exchangers, that at His coming, He may receive His own with usury.

Let none withhold their mites; and let those who have much rejoice that they can lay up in heaven a treasure that faileth not. The money that we refuse to invest in the work of the Lord will perish. On it no interest will accumulate in the banks of heaven.

Those who have had advantages for knowing the Word of God are to communicate the truth to others. God has placed upon us the solemn obligation of bearing fruit unto righteousness. In harmony with Christ we are to work for the salvation of souls. "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall

they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

ELLEN G. WHITE.

The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints.

NUMBER THREE.

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

Martin Luther came with an open Bible in his hand and gave the Bible to the people of his day. His sermons were printed and carried by canvassers far and near. They were translated into other tongues and by that means the long hidden truth of justification by faith was once more brought back to the children of men. Martin Luther was a man of God—raised up by God; especially protected and cared for by God; the Spirit of God accompanied his instrumentality, hundreds and thousands of people will be found in the kingdom of God that would not have been found there, had it not been for this man's labors. Had the people whom Martin Luther led out from the darkness loyally followed on to know the Lord, had they realized that the "Path of the just shineth more and more unto the perfect day," there never would have been but one denomination of Christians in the world to-day, and that would have been the Lutheran church. But unfortunately his followers did not continue on. A great mistake was made in not accepting advanced light which God had given to them and as time passed on, God had more truth and more light for the people, but in order to have it carried, he had to raise up another people to carry it;

for the followers of Luther would go no further than Luther went. But no one man could say during that period that he had the whole truth. No one man can say at any time he has the whole truth. Even when we get through to that other shore, we will spend the ceaseless ages of eternity in learning more about God and His wonderful redeeming love. Never while the ages of eternity roll, will we reach the point where we can say we know it all; but eternity will be spent in grasping more fully the wonders of God and His boundless love.

The great mistake that has been made by the various churches has been their refusal to accept light in advance of what was originally given them, and to take advanced steps. Because of this, God has had to raise up other people to carry advanced light to the world. John Calvin restored to the people long hidden truth, especially upon the subjects of the Lord's Supper and Simplicity of Worship.

Then God raised up the Baptist people and through them called attention to the long lost truth concerning baptism by immersion. During the dark ages that beautiful ordinance was set aside for sprinkling which was more convenient and more in harmony with the system practiced in heathenism. But God would have the light shine forth in its purity and so He raised up a people who would bring this truth to the attention of the people. The Baptists endured bitter persecution but in spite of it all they faithfully performed the work God gave them to do.

Then there was the truth in regard to the Sabbath, which Jehovah gave to man at the Creation; which He gave to all the race as a memorial of His creative power, and after the fall of man, it was set forth again as a memorial of God's redemptive power. That institution, which pointed to the creation of the heavens and the earth, it was Satan's studied pur-

pose to obliterate and destroy from the earth, and he well nigh succeeded, for during these days the wild, Pagan holiday, the first day of the week, was substituted in its place. God gave the light on this point and men faithfully rose up and proclaimed it, and to-day we have the Seventh-day Baptists, a people who have endured much bitter persecution for this truth which they have so nobly defended.

In the time of John Wesley, the great truth of God's free grace,—the truth of justification by faith, had been largely lost sight of. Formalism had taken its place; men were dependent upon forms instead of faith in the Atonement of Christ. God raised up John Wesley for the purpose of proclaiming the doctrine of God's free grace to a world that needed it, Oh, so much! He and his associates faithfully performed their work, and God abundantly blessed the Methodist church which came into existence as a result of their labors; and they have been successful in carrying the gospel to the most remote parts of America and to many other nations. The early Methodist preachers were a self-sacrificing body of laborers who traveled about before the introduction of rail-roads, on horseback, through forests and over prairies searching for souls as those who must give an account. In the day of final reward, these men will find their crowns heavy with stars representing the souls they have won for Christ.

(To be continued.)

Reconciled.

The subject of reconciliation is a prominent one in the Bible, and especially in the Pauline epistles. In many instances the word "converted" or "conversion" might be consistently substituted, though the term or word "reconciled" would imply a previous harmonious relation.

The first chapter of Colossians is an instructive one, but in the 21st verse Paul refers the Colossian brethren to their former condition and life when they were "enemies" to Christ and were guilty of "wicked works," and then says, "yet now hath he reconciled." Then he proceeds to tell them what will result from this new relation in the 23rd verse; but this based upon the condition, "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel." From this hypothesis we must conclude that the one who fails to "continue in the faith" will not have the blessed experience brought to view.

Then in view of this, when we are called to pass through such experiences as are referred to in II Cor. 4:8-10, how many times we murmur and question the wisdom of our Creator and thus bring ourselves into an unreconciled state instead of humbly bowing beneath the chastening rod and striving to discern the lesson there is for us in the experience; and all too soon and surely we find ourselves at variance with God as truly as though we had never been reconciled. The 10th verse reveals to us God's purpose in these trials, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." If the world does not see Christ in his followers they will not see him while probation lasts. Then let us seek to have Christ abiding in our hearts.

"When, my Saviour, shall I be
Perfectly resigned to Thee?
Poor and vile in my own eyes,
Only in Thy wisdom wise?"

"Cast thy burden at His feet,
Linger near His mercy seat;
He will lead thee by the hand,
Gently to the better land."

"Now thanks be unto God which
always causeth us to triumph in
Christ."

A. B. C.

Something New.

Doubtless all of our workers have many times felt the need of a suitable scrapbook in which to place quotations that would be of use in presenting this truth to the people. Many times such quotations carry with them a great deal of weight, and serve to clinch the points that are presented. Recognizing this need, the Southern Publishing Association has decided to prepare such a book, and the Watchman will publish each week, beginning the 4th of June, at least one column of such quotations. We invite our workers all over the field to send us any quotations they may have that would be of use for this purpose. By this means, we will be able to get a range of quotations, such as a single individual would not be able to glean for his scrapbook.

The scrapbooks will be furnished for 50 cents or given free to workers for two new yearly subscriptions to the Watchman, accompanied by the regular subscription price of \$1.00. All of our workers should be provided with this scrapbook, and become regular subscribers to the Watchman before June 4, at which time the column of quotations will begin.

We would be glad to hear at once from all who desire these books, whether you are prepared to pay for one now or not, so that we may know something of the size of the edition we should prepare.

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Briefs.

Kindness is a language which the dumb can speak, and the deaf can hear and understand.—Bovee.

It is good for us to think no grace or blessing truly ours till we are aware that God has blessed some one else with it through us.
—Phillips Brooks.

Help for New Orleans.

The brethren in New Orleans have secured a very favorable building suitable for a much needed headquarters for the work in that large city, but they are poor and need help in paying for the property.

There has been a special 10,000 edition of the Bible Training School prepared to help pay for the building. One thousand dollars is to be paid July 1st, and if the 10,000 New Orleans Special Bible Training School can be sold by that time it will furnish the \$1,000.00 to make the payment. The New Orleans Specials sell for ten cents per copy. If you wish to help in this needy field send for a quantity of papers. You can sell them to your neighbors and friends and get back all the money you pay for them.

By paying for the papers you do missionary work for New Orleans and in selling them you are spreading the message in your neighborhood. There is a double blessing in this work. If anyone has a stray dollar they wish to donate it will also be acceptable.

Send all orders to the Bible Training School, South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Obituary.

Spear—Fell asleep in Jesus at her home in Wright, Michigan, after a short illness of one week, in the seventy-eighth year of her age, Mrs. Henry F. Spear. Sister Spear embraced the third angel's message about the year 1870 under the labors of Elder I. D. VanHorn. She was a mother in Israel, and a devout, earnest Christian woman who loved the coming and appearing of the Lord, often expressing a desire to see him come in the clouds of heaven. She leaves one sister, five children, and fourteen grand children, besides many friends to mourn their loss. But they sorrow not as those who have no hope. The funeral services were held in the Bauer church on Sun-

day, April 7, at 2 o'clock p. m. Discourse by the writer.

R. C. HORTON.

News and Notes.

Elder Carl A. Hansen has located at Quincy.

Fred Green spent last Sabbath and Sunday in Battle Creek.

Elder M. S. Burnham visited the Kalamazoo church last Sabbath.

Doctor L. J. Otis spoke in the Portland church on Monday evening of last week.

The Lake Union Conference Educational Secretaries held a council at Berrien Springs this week.

Margaret Haughey and Eva Howe attended services at the South Monterey church last Sabbath.

Clifford A. Russell spent last Sabbath with the Grand Rapids church in the interest of "Christian Education."

The children and youth of the South Monterey church added something to the "Copper Line" last Sabbath.

We hope our young people will do all they can to circulate the special Temperance number of the Youth's Instructor. This number will bear the date of May 14.

E. A. Merriam and Fred Green went to Kalamazoo one day last week to meet the agent for the Oxford Bibles. They inform us that they placed an order for a lot of nice Bibles for the West Michigan Tract Society.

We are still working on the "Copper Line." If any of our churches or Young People's Societies have any coppers on hand that have been collected for this work we hope they will send them to this office, as we are anxious to see how many rods we have laid.

Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together.—Goethe.

It is a great deal better to live a holy life than to talk about it. We are told to let our light shine, and if it does we won't need to tell anybody it does. The light will be its own witness. Lighthouses don't ring bells and fire cannon to call attention to their shining—they just shine.

Dwight L. Moody.

Peace of mind must come in its own time, as the waters settle themselves into clearness as well as quietness; you can no more filter your mind into purity than you can compress it into calmness; you must keep it pure if you would have it pure, and throw no stones into it if you would have it quiet.—Ruskin.

"The Gospel Herald" is the organ of the Southern Missionary Society, the department of colored work for the Southern Union Conference. All our people ought to be intelligent concerning this feature of our denominational work, therefore, all should read the "Gospel Herald." It is a four page monthly paper published at ten cents a year, payable in postage stamps. Please send your subscription to "The Southern Missionary Society, North Station, Nashville, Tennessee." By so doing you will help the work for the colored people.

Canvassers' Institute.

An institute for the special benefit of all who may wish to attend will be conducted at Battle Creek by Elder Campbell and J. B. Blosser beginning May 12 and continuing one week. The object of this institute is to train men and women for evangelistic canvassing. The outlook is very encouraging for a good, liberal attendance from Battle Creek and the near-by churches.

A. G. HAUGHEY,
Conference President.