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## My Dream.

I sat in my room past midnight  
Alone, while others slept;  
And the flood of thoughts that  
    pressed upon me  
    Were too great; like a child I wept.  
For my heart seemed oh! so restless  
And temptation my path beset,  
And I missed the loving counsel,  
Of one I could not forget.  
The moonlight streamed thro' the  
    window,  
    How calm and peaceful it seemed;  
And weary and worn from weeping,  
I fell asleep and dreamed.  
I seemed to be a traveler,  
And had paused where two paths  
    met;  
And from my fellow travelers  
Could no satisfaction get.  
One path had at its entrance,  
A gateway high and wide,  
And as I gazed upon it,  
I saw beauty on either side.  
It was a fair, broad roadside,  
And many were going that way,  
And I felt strongly inclined to enter,  
When a voice seemed to say, —  
This road is wide and sunny,  
And attractions here abound;  
But remorse is sure to follow,  
For loss at it's end is found.  
If you will but enter the other,  
Thro' the simple little gate,  
True happiness will ever attend you,  
Tho' it be narrow and straight.  
Here's a Guide Book, take it I pray  
    you,  
    'Twill help you the way along,  
And as you go be trustful,  
For it will not guide you wrong.  
For as a lamp in the darkness  
So it will give you light,

Accept it and believe it,  
And 'twill guide your steps aright.  
I wakened; the moon was yet shining,  
The hands of the clock pointed one;  
My burdens seemed to have fallen,  
And life anew begun.  
And the precious "light," my Guide  
    Book.  
At every uncertain turn,  
Keeps my feet in the narrow path-  
    way,  
And for the "broad way" I no  
    more yearn.

—MRS. J. M. COLEBURN.

## The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints.

NUMBER FOUR.

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

Following these, came William Miller, once a skeptic, and a man who had no confidence in the Bible, and yet honest in heart. Upon investigating the prophecies, especially, he was profoundly impressed with their remarkable fulfillment. He was deeply interested in the study of history, and as he was led to see how clearly history responds to the voice of prophecy. The man became convicted accepted the Word of God, and became a staunch supporter of the truth. Through him God brought to the attention of the world the truth concerning the soon-coming of Christ, the great Advent message which stirred this world from pole to pole. That message was carried to every missionary station upon earth. Not since the time of the preaching of the apostles was

mankind so aroused as they were during the preaching of William Miller. Other men rose up to preach the same message in different parts of the earth, although they knew nothing about the others. This man was the instrument in bringing to light the truth in regard to Conditional Immortality and the Sleep of the dead. The doctrine of man's natural immortality which Luther once said was "invented to make the popes' pot boil" was the outgrowth of Satan's falsehoods to our first parents. It was upon the acceptance of the belief of the natural immortality of the soul that Satan built up these great systems of heathenism that stand in the world to-day. It is the foundation stone of spiritualism, but we believe with the inspired apostle that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord." So these great truths were brought to us through William Miller. Then this people whom God used so mightily to stir the world with the First Angel's Message—to that people God gave the light upon the Sabbath question, but they refused it; they refused to advance and God was compelled to raise up another people to carry forward that work; and so there is in the world to-day the Seventh Day Adventist people. This people whom I have the honor to represent and who worship in this place, stand for all the truths that have been brought out by all these other reformers. The Seventh Day Adventists believe in the doctrine of Justification by faith as brought out by Martin Luther. They ac-

cept the truth concerning the Lord's Supper and the Simplicity of Worship as brought to us by John Calvin. They accept and practice the form of baptism brought from God's word by the Baptists. They believe and practice the observance of God's Sabbath as brought to us by the Seventh Day Baptists. They believe in the doctrine of God's free Grace as taught by the Methodists. They believe in the near approach of the Lord Jesus Christ as taught by William Miller. They believe in Conditional Immortality according to the gospel of Jesus Christ. They believe in the Unconscious State of the dead and in addition to that God has brought forth and is now teaching to the world the truth upon the Sanctuary question. They accept the Ordinance of Humility and rejoice in the possession of the Spirit of Prophecy and other gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Now, all these truths that God has sent to the world through these various instrumentalities are now believed and taught by this one people, the Seventh Day Adventists, and this people are "now earnestly contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints." But we do not stand before the world as having the whole truth, for as time passes on more light comes to us, and if we accept it as readily as we have the other truths which God has sent to us, our path will be as that of the just "which shineth more and more until the perfect day." God has more light for His people, and we believe that before we enter the Kingdom of God, before the coming of the Lord Jesus, still more light and more truth will be revealed to this people. And may God help us to stand in an humble position that our hearts may be ever open to receive the truth that comes.

The Lord Jesus tells us that when he comes again to this earth, faith will be on the wane. "When the Son of man cometh shall he find faith upon the earth?" But

we must reach the time when we shall be willing to risk our lives upon the say-so of this Book. God commands His people to contend earnestly for the faith that was delivered to the saints." Satan is putting forth all his efforts to subvert the gospel. May God help us every one, to stand faithful to the truth. It is time to take hold more firmly than ever; to reach up with the arm of faith and clasp the hand reached down to help us; to be rooted and grounded in the gospel.

When the terrible time of trouble, which never was since there was a nation, shall come upon us, it will be well for God's people to be planted on the Rock of God's eternal truth. Earnestly must we contend! Because difficulties come upon us, let us not be discouraged. For as we read in Jer. 12:5—

"If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with the horses? And if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?"

My dear friends, let us not be dismayed nor shaken by small troubles or difficulties that come to us now, for this is simply "running with the footmen;" soon we must contend with the horses, and soon thereafter we must enter the swelling of Jordan; so now is the time to learn the lessons of faith; now is the time to be rooted and grounded in the things of the Word, so that when that time comes, it shall find us standing faithful and true to the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

(Concluded.)

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### From the Field.

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#### Grand Ledge Convention.

Sabbath and Sunday, April 27th and 28th, a convention was held at Grand Ledge.

Miss Margaret Haughey, Brother C. A. Russell and Dr. L. J. Otis were present to aid in making it a success.

The subjects read and discussed were those which had in them many suggestions which to the receptive mind might be made practical.

A mind satisfied with a meagre knowledge gained is inadequate to give to others their needs,—spiritual light.

All felt this convention was the means of reanimating each member of the church. Suffice it to say the results are even more extensive than that. Its effects will be seen in other places.

The exercises Sabbath forenoon were opened with the song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," then Brother Russell invoked the blessing of God on the meeting, after which all united their voices in praising God in singing, "We Have an Anchor."

The convention work proper was next in order, and the following subjects were considered:

Symposium — "Improvement of our Sabbath School."

(a) Better Program.

(b) Better Music.

(c) Larger Offerings.

(d) A sense of Responsibility.

"Compulsory Education."

"How May We Best Create and Promote School Sentiment Among All Our Members?"

"Relation of the Church School to the Third Angel's Message."

Dr. Otis occupied the time in the afternoon and evening giving practical talks on Christian Temperance.

On Sunday morning, April 28, a goodly number assembled and manifested love for the Father in heartily singing "Let Us Stand on the Rock." The blessing of the Lord was felt as Doctor Otis sought the Lord for His presence. The convention work was continued and the following subjects presented:

"Church Schools: Where Needed, Why Needed."

"Methods of Securing Teachers,"

"The Teachers Between Sessions,"

"How may the Superintendents and

Teachers Inspire Reverence?" "The Relation of Seventh Day Adventist Young People to the World," "What Can Our Children and Youth do to Earn Missionary Money?"

The children did their part in making the occasion an interesting one by appropriate recitations.

Brother Russell spoke to us on Sunday afternoon and Doctor Otis occupied the time Sunday evening. We all pronounced the convention a success, and felt benefited by spending a short time together.

May God help us to grasp the principles from divine instruction, and have in our hearts the love which emanates from God, that we may be instrumental in the promulgation of this truth. May he help us to profit by things learned at this convention until we are ushered through the gates into the New Jerusalem to hold that eternal convention with our Maker and King.

FLOSSIE HALL.

**Financial.**

**Report of Tithe for April 1907.**

Agnew	\$ 22 01
Allendale	26 00
Battle Creek	1043 54
Bangor	8 75
Bauer	68 89
Bedford	12 22
Belding	7 80
Benton Harbor	106 07
Berrien Springs	105 50
Bloomington	46 07
Brookfield	36 00
Burlington	10 14
Byron Center	11 37
Cedar Lake	667 38
Carson City	57 06
Charlotte	44 93
Carlton Center	60 61
Clifford Lake	66 26
Coldwater	55 43
Covert	11 85
Convis	7 00
Decatur	33 70
Dimondale	45 79
Denver Center	8 29
Eaton Rapids	31 25

Edmore	-	96 14
Emerald	-	18 70
Fremont	-	49 35
Grand Rapids	-	321 42
Grand Ledge	-	16 38
Glenwood	-	22 59
Grandville	-	57 71
Hastings	-	40 49
Hesperia	-	9 00
Homer	-	21 96
Howard City	-	5 00
Horr	-	8 21
Holton	-	25 30
Individuals	-	29 11
Kalamazoo	-	268 89
Kinderhook	-	30 40
Kent City	-	26 36
Lakeview	-	45 00
Lowell	-	41 12
Lyons	-	18 05
Maple Grove	-	24 92
Mendon	-	81 21
Muskegon	-	48 99
Mecosta	-	6 59
Moreley	-	11 25
Niles	-	13 96
Ontario Conference	-	4 00
Otsego	-	137 50
Portland	-	86 20
Potterville	-	21 35
Paw Paw	-	39 63
Quincy	-	94 66
Return of Advance Attorney Fees	-	12 15
Rothbury	-	26 16
Shelby	-	51 16
Sand Lake	-	60 14
Sturgis	-	31 38
Trufant	-	93 15
Urbandale	-	50 00
Vermontville	-	17 00
West Leroy	-	80 15
Wisconsin Conference	-	7 00
Wright	-	116 21
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4860 15</b>

**West Michigan Conference Receipts for April, 1907.**

Tithe	\$4860 15
Sabbath-school Offerings	306 16
Weekly Offerings	61 72
General Fund	48 35
O. H. F. T. D. Fund	355 16
Conference Imp. Fund	10 00
Religious Liberty Offerings	22 01
Chinese Famine Fund	1 00

India Mission	-	15 00
Annual Offerings	-	6 85
Mission Board Offerings	-	19 41
Self-Denial Fund	-	6 61
Jamaica Conference Expense	-	1 50
Colored Work	-	51
Orphan's and Aged Fund	296	04
Finnish Mission	-	66 24
African Native Worker's Fd.	-	1 25
On Account	-	10 00
Birthday Offerings	-	1 46
Jewish work	-	30
Work for the Blind	-	5 00
Levant Mission Field	-	6 10
Southern Field	-	30
		<b>\$6101 27</b>
<b>WEST MICH. TRACT SOCIETY.</b>		
On Account	-	273 47
Merchandise	-	28 68
West Mich. Herald	-	5 00
		<b>307 15</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6408 42</b>

**One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund.**

Previously Reported	2123 25
Shelby Church	15 62
Daniel Sumner	1 15
Arthur Dexter	1 00
Leah Smith	40
Denzel Ferney	20
Cereda Ferney	30
Charlotte Church	6 56
Hastings Church	1 42
Otsego Church	19 21
Cedar Lake Church	5 00
E. R. Curren	1 00
Anna Evans	2 00
Lucinda Evans	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. Oren Evans	2 00
Mrs. George Noble	1 00
M. C. Whitmarsh	2 00
Lutin Haughey	64
Holton Church	5 06
Horr Church	79
Kalamazoo Church	116 00
Coldwater Church	6 00
Allegan Church	3 00
Bauer Church	20 00
Portland Church	3 25
Battle Creek Church	65 61
Kalamazoo Church	6 14
J. W. Hofstra	2 53
Holton Church	2 00

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Bedford Church	2	50
A. G. Haughey	2	53
Ruth Evelyne Haughey	2	53
Rothbury Church	16	53
Mrs. E. A. Merriam	1	50
Baby Merriam, Per. Mrs. E. A. Merriam	2	53
Charlotte Church	3	53
Brookfield Church	2	53
East Mich. Conference	3	00
Glenwood	5	00
Shelby Church		55
Grace Evans	2	53
Margaret Smith	2	53
W. J. Patterson	2	53
Grandville Church	5	00
Hugh Porter	2	00
Mrs. Baxter		54
Total	247	99

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### News and Notes.

The editor spent last Sabbath and Sunday with the Bauer church.

Elder J. W. Hofstra is holding a series of meetings at Grand Ledge.

Brother A. Smith of Grandville gave the office a call one day last week.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent Sabbath, May 11, with the Muskegon church.

Sister Harriet Howe of Decatur is spending a little time in Otsego with her daughter Eva.

A union meeting was held in the Otsego M. E. church Sunday evening, May 12. Elder Haughey gave a talk on temperance.

Sabbath, April 27, was a day of rejoicing for the South Monterey church. Two young men were buried with their Lord by baptism. Elder J. W. Hofstra administered the ordinance.

Several of the Conference laborers attended the musical at the Emmanuel Missionary College on Wednesday evening of last week. About thirty persons, students and teachers, under the direction of Prof. Clemen Hamer, rendered the "Holy City."

Great books are not in everybody's reach; and though it is better to know them thoroughly than to know them here and there yet it is a good work to give a little to those who have neither the time nor means to get more. Let every book-worm, when in any fragrant, scarce old tome he discovers a sentence, a story, an illustration that does his heart good, hasten to give it.

—Coleridge.

### NOTICE.

Emmanuel Missionary College wants four or five young ladies, strong and willing to work, to assist in general work during the summer; wages to apply on tuition next year. Correspond with the president before coming.

N. W. KAUBLE.