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—Last Day Delusions.

1. How dangerous are the delusions of the last days?
Matt. 24:24.
2. What gives Satan such power to deceive at this time?
II Thess. 2:9-11.
3. What means does Satan use to deceive?
Miracles. Rev. 16:14.
4. What power will he be permitted to exercise in this direction?
Rev. 13:13,14.
5. Through what delusion does Satan especially work?
I Tim. 4:1. Rev. 16:14.
6. What will many be saying?
Isa. 8:19.
7. Are they saying this?
Ans. Modern spiritualism began with the rappings of Margaret and Kate Fox, in New York, about sixty years ago. Its adherents now number millions, including several crowned heads.
8. What classes are especially liable to be deceived by spiritualism?
The Kings of the earth. Rev. 16:14.
9. Is this being fulfilled?
Ans. The emperor of Russia is known to be under the influence of mediums. Admiral Togo telegraphed after his victory over the Russians, to the emperor: "The victory was due not to myself nor to my men, but to the spirits of your ancestors, who hovered over the battle."
10. What does the Lord say we should seek at such a time?
Isa. 8:20.
11. What do people say con-

cerning the fulfillment of prophecy?
Eze. 12:22,23,28.

12. What delusion prevails concerning Christ's coming?
II Pet. 3:3,4.
13. What is the danger in this?
I Thess. 5:3.
14. What are others saying?
Ans. "Lo here is Christ, and lo, there." Matt. 24:24.
15. What delusion prevails concerning the law of God?
Jer. 6:16,19.
16. What do the people say concerning the reward of right doing?
Ans. They say it does not pay to serve the Lord. Mal. 3:14, Jer. 44:17,18.
17. What do they say of the Lord?
Eze. 9:9.
18. Will infidelity become almost universal?
Luke 18:8.
19. What will be the final master deception?
Ans. Satan personates Christ. II Cor. 11:14.

W. E. VIDETO.

Schools and Missions.

We must ever keep before the students in our schools the paramount object to be attained in Christian Education, that of proclaiming the gospel of a soon-coming Saviour to every kindred, tongue, and people.

Frequent use should be made of the "Mission Outlines," the "Review," "Signs," "Watchman," etc. The inspiring accounts of the progress of the work in the regions beyond could be introduced as supplementary reading, and could not fail in creating a desire on the

part of the students to have an active part in heralding the message to earth's remotest bounds.

An excellent way to train for foreign mission work, is to engage in active missionary work at home.

October 30th, the "Signs of the Times" will publish a "Missions Special." This will be a double number, 32 pages, just filled from cover to cover with the most inspiring accounts of missionary endeavor. I trust that all our schools will order a good supply of these papers, and enter enthusiastically into a campaign of placing them in the homes of the people. The price will be:

- Single copy 10¢.
- 25 copies 7¢.
- 100 copies 5¢.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

The Helping Hand.

For some time there has been a growing demand for another school for the training of colored workers in the South.

The Spirit of Prophecy has indicated a location near Nashville, the great educational center of the middle South.

Bro. Ora Staines, for some time business manager of the Huntsville school, has been impressed to undertake the establishment of such a school, having for its object the fitting up of colored teachers and other workers—to enter the needy fields in the South to work for their race.

A farm a few miles out from Nashville has been purchased, and upon it the necessary buildings will be erected. It is hoped by this means, after the school is fully equipped, to make it entirely self-

supporting. This plan of school support from the products of the soil is ideal.

Brother Staines has letters of recommendation and endorsement from the officers of the Southern Union Conference, and from Sister White. He has also received the fullest endorsement from the officers of this conference.

To set this enterprise upon its feet, and make it self-supporting, will require a considerable outlay. Here is an opportunity for our schools here in the North to lend a helping hand to a sister institution and thus be doing a form of missionary work which will surely be big with results.

The new institution needs every thing in the way of school and dormitory supplies. I hope all our schools and patrons will take an interest in this work and plan to help.

One branch of manual training which should be taught in all our schools is sewing. Why could not some time be devoted to this work during the winter months, and each school furnish a quilt or comfortable for this new training school?

I have spoken of this plan to a few of the schools, and teacher and pupils have taken a deep interest in the suggestion.

I hope the fathers and mothers will encourage this spirit of helpfulness by aiding in furnishing the material for this work. Please feel free to write me any suggestions concerning this plan.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

Why I Go to Sabbath-School.

When I first commenced attending Sabbath School I hardly understood why I did so. But as I grow older I see more in the lessons and derive more good from them.

We make many pleasant acquaintances in Sabbath School. And by our associating together we are enabled to help each other. I enjoy taking other children to

Sabbath School because they enjoy it.

There are very many helpful thoughts on the lesson that we remember all through the week. So it helps us to remember our Creator in the days of our youth. If we learn our memory verse each Sabbath we would have fifty-two at the end of the year. And who is there that does not like to be able to repeat a verse when asked?

Then at the end of the lesson we each receive a Sabbath School paper. These I enjoy very much. But I enjoy most passing them on to friends.

EDNA HUBER.

Results From a Consecrated 5 cent Piece.

A few months ago a sister living then in Montana wrote that she had dedicated 5 cents to the Lord's service, and by the sale of tracts it had amounted to 25 cents. She began selling the SIGNS, and soon her 5 cent piece had amounted to \$20.00, and since then she has continued selling the SIGNS until all record so far as dollars is concerned has been lost sight of. She has continued her faithful work using 400 SIGNS a week, and her success has been remarkable. From Spokane, where she and her daughter have worked recently, she writes:

"We have sold 1350 SIGNS and they went like wild fire. Enclosed find \$6.00 for 400 more to Tacoma. We have sold \$130.00 worth of papers here besides giving many to those not having the price."

From Tacoma, Wash., she writes:

"We went out after the Sabbath and that evening sold \$9.50 worth of papers."

Surely this is a fulfillment of the Scripture:

"He that is faithful in few things, I will make him ruler over many," and should be of special encouragement to those willing to add works to their faith, and let the Lord bless the results.

We have other house-to-house

workers doing equally as well. But where we now have one we want one hundred.

Your Tract Society Secretary will be pleased to tell you of some of the results of this work, and of the special blessings enjoyed by those who are regularly circulating the SIGNS OF THE TIMES. He will also tell you that an individual who sells fifty or more copies from house to house or on the street per week is entitled to a special rate of 1½ cents per copy. The regular club rate which applies on all other clubs is 2 cents per copy per week. The regular retail price is 5 cents per copy, but some sell them for 10 cents.

The World's Missions double number will soon be out. This retails for 10 cents per copy. It will be by far the best special we have ever issued, and will sell at sight.

Would you not like to dedicate some portion of your means and time to a work to which the Lord so wonderfully adds His blessing, as evidenced by the experience given above?

Address your Tract Society Secretary, or THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES, Mountain View, California.

FAITH.

R. C. HORTON.

Justification is the work of Christ for us. Sanctification is the work of God in us. Says the Saviour, "behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20. It is Christ in us, the hope of glory. Col. 1:27. The work of justification by faith having been accomplished for the sinner by the acceptance of Christ as his Saviour from sin, it is followed with a life-long work of the Spirit and power of God working in us "both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Phil. 2:13. And he that hath begun a good work in you will per-

form it until the day of Jesus Christ. Phil. 1:6.

The faith of Jesus is a working faith. It is an active, living principle; a steadfast confidence in God that produces action and movement. It prompts one to move out and work for God and the salvation of his fellow-men, and to do it in love because that is the thing he desires and loves to do above every thing else in the world. His heart, life, affections, and whole soul are in it. It is the work of faith, the gift of God to the one who will accept it and lovingly and willingly follow where the faith of Jesus will lead him. It will lead him out of the darkness of sin and unbelief into the light and liberty of the children of God. It will lead him to renounce the hidden things of dishonesty, and give his life and service, his all, to God and His work. It will lead him away from self, into Christ. His faith will be manifested, (made known) by his works, or in other words, it will be a faith that works. James 1:22. It will grow exceedingly, II Thess. 1:3, because it is planted in the fruitful soil of love.

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous. By faith Enoch was translated that he might not see death. By faith Noah prepared the ark for the saving of his house, by the which he condemned the world, and became the heir of the righteousness which is by faith. By faith Abraham went out from his own country not knowing whether he went. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a strange country. By faith Sarah, herself, received strength to conceive seed and was delivered of a child when she was past age. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob when he was dying blessed both the sons of Joseph, and worshiped leaning upon the top of his staff.

Thus we see in this eleventh chapter of Hebrews, the faith of Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephtha, David, Samuel, and of the prophets, who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, stopped the mouths of lions and quenched the violence of fire. The weak were made strong, the armies of the aliens were put to flight, the dead were raised, and all manner of diseases were healed by the power of God through faith. By faith Peter walked on the boisterous waves of the sea to go to his Lord. Matt. 14:31.

All these events wrought through faith were pleasing to God, and we read that without faith it is impossible to please him. Heb. 11:6. The Lord wants his people to become strong in him and in the power of his might, Eph. 6:10; for we have a powerful foe to meet, and we can only resist him steadfast in the faith. I Peter 5:9. The world, the flesh, and the devil can only be overcome by the faith of Christ.

In Hebrews 11:3 we read, through faith we understand the worlds were made: that is to say, through faith we understand it. But should we reject the record that God has given us of the creation of the heavens and the earth, how much would we know about it?—Simply nothing at all. How much do the higher critics of today know about it?—Not a thing; for they have rejected the record that God has given concerning the creation of the earth, and therefore never can know the first thing about it until they believe the record that God has given. Is it any wonder that the Lord says, when I come shall I find faith in the earth? Luke 18:8.

(To be continued.)

Standard of Attainment For Our Young People.

"Educate, educate, educate" is the Master's word for our young people. Educate for what? TO KNOW GOD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN; TO GIVE THE ADVENT MESSAGE TO ALL THE WORLD IN THIS GENERATION. We have a great work; we must quickly prepare for it.

From every quarter has come a hearty response to the Resolution passed at the Sabbath School and Young People's Convention this summer, that our young people everywhere should qualify themselves to pass an examination in the cardinal truths of the Third Angel's Message, and in denominational history. These are essentials in our education for this work.

During the first week of March 1908 an examination will be given to all our young people who desire it. This examination will be conducted by the Church elder or some one appointed by him, from questions sent out by the Missionary Volunteer Department. The papers will be examined and the Certificates granted by the Missionary Volunteer secretary of each Conference. The examination in Bible doctrines will be based this year on the present series of Sabbath School Lessons,—“A Synopsis of Present Truth,” the special Bible Reading Series of the Signs, commencing October 30; and “Our Truth” number of the Instructor. The first we should study; the second and third we should study and circulate.

The Great Second Advent Movement by Elder Loughborough will be the basis for the examination in denominational history.

Let all our young people get ready for this examination, and let our first report of Membership of Attainment be as nearly equal to our Society membership as possible.

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Margaret Haughey, Editor.

Obituary.

Died at his home in Portage, Michigan, September 28, 1907, Albert L. Soule. He leaves a wife, five children, father, mother, three sisters and two brothers to mourn their loss. He made no profession of religion. Sister Soule, the mother of the deceased, is a member of the Kalamazoo church. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

R. C. HORTON.

NOTICE.

The Test Questions for the use of Intermediate and primary teachers will be given in the December SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER, and thereafter once a quarter. These are to form the basis for written examinations. Teachers not taking the WORKER will thus deprive the children they teach of the drill other children are getting. Let every friend of the children encourage every teacher to use the help offered in the WORKER. The WORKER in every English-speaking school is an ideal possible to reach.

Gen. Conf. S. S. Dep't.

News and Notes.

We have sixty names enrolled for the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course.

Brother A. Smith of Grandville occupied the pulpit at the Otsego church last Sabbath.

About one half of our Sabbath-schools have sent in their quarterly reports and we feel very thankful to our secretaries for their promptness. We are anxious to get reports from the other half.

We understand that they have a good attendance at the Emmanuel Missionary College this year.

All of the conference laborers are expected to attend the worker's council which is to be held in Battle Creek, October 17-22.

We have not heard from very many of our Missionary Volunteer Societies for the quarter ending September 30. We hope to hear from every society.

Elder A. G. Haughey and wife spent last Sabbath with the church at Cedar Lake. Elder Haughey baptized ten students. Nine of these students are in the school home.

October 1, Elder M. N. Campbell delivered the address at the commencement exercises of the Iowa Sanitarium Training School for Missionary Nurses in Des Moines, Iowa.

Under date of October 9, Elder Campbell writes as follows:

"Last night at 1 o'clock the small tent occupied by Dr. Otis and family burned to the ground, destroying all the contents and badly burning Dr. Otis on his hands, arms, back and feet. He is now under the doctor's care. Practically all their clothing, bedding, and furniture were burned entailing a loss of not less than \$100 upon them."

We take the liberty to quote the following from a private letter written by Miss Winifred Trunk, who is attending the Foreign Missionary Seminary at Washington, D. C.: "The opening of the school was last Wednesday morning (September 25.) A large number of the members of the faculty and the board were present. Prof. Salisbury said that he thought it would be a good idea to adopt as our college song, "From Greenlands Icy Mountains," so this song was

sung as the second to open the meeting. Elder Daniels was then called upon to tell of the origin of this school and why it had been started. His remarks were very good and clearly showed that such a school was needed, also the class of students which were gathered here.

Every member of the board and the General Conference workers who were present spoke a few words regarding the school and the needs of the field. It was truly stirring to hear those who had been laboring in foreign fields tell their experiences and the great need of workers in general. We all felt that we surely wanted a speedy preparation for the work.

I cannot begin to tell how much I appreciate the generosity of the Young People of West Michigan in sending me here, I only hope and pray that I may meet their expectation and receive a preparation for God's work that I may be instrumental in saving souls."

Cedar Lake Academy.

We have six new cows and a new team of horses.

The peaches are picked, the potatoes are dug, and a good crop of beans thrashed.

Thursday, October 10, Miss Ida Dunlap gave a very interesting talk at the chapel hour.

Sabbath we were favored by having Elder A. G. Haughey and Prof. J. G. Lamson with us.

Sabbath, October 12, ten of the students who had consecrated their lives to the Master, were buried with him in baptism. The number was made up of three young ladies and seven young men. Elder Haughey conducted the service at Rock Lake, and it was witnessed by a large number of people.

HAROLD N. WILLIAMS.