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FAITH.

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The fallen and corrupt churches of these last days have departed from the Lord, "and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride will soon be heard no more at all in thee." Rev. 18:23. But now while mercy still lingers, he calls for his dear people to come out and take their stand upon the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Rev. 14:12. They are to contend for that faith which was once delivered to the saints.

"These signs shall follow them that believe;"—not those who are in doubt and do not believe,—“in my name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues, they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.” Mark 16:17,18. That this belongs to and goes with the gospel commission is proved by referring to the 15th and 16th verses which read, “and he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth, (believeth what?—The gospel,) and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” “And these signs shall follow them that believe,” not them that disbelieve. This commission is coupled with the promise that reaches to the end of the world.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching

them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” Thus we can plainly see that the promise of the Lord to heal the sick goes with the commission to preach the gospel, and is a part of it. And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by signs following.

What were they to preach?—The gospel. How was it to be confirmed?—With signs following. Does the gospel need any confirmation in these days when the world is full of all kinds of dogmas and doctrines of men? It certainly does now if it did in apostolic times. But says one, Satan will work miracles to deceive men, even the very elect. Yes, that is true; but that is the counterfeit. Where is the genuine? Shall we say, that because Satan through his agents works miracles now and then, that the Lord cannot do it through his delegated servants? May the Lord help us to believe, preach, and practice the gospel as it is in Jesus.

When the blind man was healed by the power of God, at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, when Peter and John went up at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour, it created a great stir among the people, and Peter said, “the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified His Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One, and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you,

and killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead whereof, we are witnesses. And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.” Acts 3:11-16. It was by the faith of Jesus that this wonderful healing was done. It was a noted miracle and was manifest to all in Jerusalem. It could not be denied, and when questioned in regard to it, Peter said, be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.” Acts 4:10.

But that it might be spread no farther, they threatened them and commanded them not to speak any more in the name of Jesus. And the apostles said, “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings, and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of the holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.” Verses 29-31. And so the word of God was confirmed by signs following, as the Lord had promised. Mark 16:20.

Oh that the Lord could confirm his word to-day as in the days of long ago; and he will, when we, as we claim, have the faith of Jesus. Rev. 14:12. Oh let us contend earnestly for that faith. May the Lord grant it for Jesus sake.

(The end.)

A Teacher's Needs.

We understand that the object of a Sabbath school teacher's work is the saving of souls for the kingdom of God.

We read, that "whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." "How then shall they call on 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, or teacher? and how shall they teach unless they are sent?"

In order to win souls, a teacher needs to possess a great love for souls, and no one can possess this gift of love unless they have a vital connection with the God of love, for a stream can flow no higher than its fountain head.

But in order to have this vital connection with God, a teacher needs to make a complete surrender of self to the will of God, so that the Holy Spirit can guide and direct in the subjects taught.

The word of God is spiritual, and spiritual things can only be discerned by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in order to divide the word aright, a teacher must possess the Holy Spirit, for the Holy Spirit only knows the hearts, and minds, and needs of those who are taught, thus we see that the Holy Spirit alone can give words and thoughts that will reach and win souls.

But some may think, if the Holy Spirit must be depended on to bring suitable words, and thoughts to our minds as we need them, why is it necessary to study so much? We read in the 14th chapter of John, 26th verse: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Now to have anything brought to our remembrance we must have had knowledge of it before, for no one can remember anything he

never knew before. Thus we see that a teacher needs to study the word diligently and store the mind with precious gems of thought so that the Holy Spirit may bring them to remembrance, and make them effective to the winning of souls for the kingdom of God.

These are the absolute, positive needs of a teacher. Then again,—a teacher needs tact or wisdom, and he needs ability to impart to others the knowledge he possesses; and in the larger churches, we are generally apt to find teachers who have natural talents in this direction. But what about the newly organized, and small churches, who are often composed of persons whose circumstances, environments, and vocations are such that the talents they possess are not developed? Shall this branch of the Third Angel's Message languish for want of these talents? Not necessarily. For we read in James 1:5, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him."

And in John 16:13-15, we read, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all truth; and he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear that shall he speak, and he shall show you things to come."

He shall glorify me, for he shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine, therefore said I, that he shall take of mine and shall show it unto you." Here we see that the weakest may be successful if they will meet the conditions, where they can claim God's promises, while those who are talented, unless they rely on the same source for power, and though they may appear successful, and even win many for the church, they will never win them for the kingdom of God, for all must remember, whose is the power, and therefore whose is the glory.

Then a teacher has physical

needs, for many when called to fill this position, find their health is such that they are unable to study and prepare themselves as they should, and even before their classes their minds are often beclouded by their physical condition.

Is there no "balm in Gilead" for these? Most assuredly. For we read, "Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." So if we try to care for our bodies and conform our lives according to the physiological and hygienic laws as given to us by the Spirit of Prophecy, and, while we need not be extremeists, yet if we eat for strength, and not for surfeiting, our minds can become clear, and be both receptive and preceptive in the things of God, so that we are enabled to do the work that is given us to do.

A teacher also needs a prepossessing manner and address. But hear again, sin has defaced, and marred the great masterpiece of the great Master Mechanic and Sculptor.

These gifts are not to be despised for many good things are taught in such a repellent way that they are not accepted. But the teacher who has the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit permeating his life and words, will always be gentle, kind, courteous, forbearing, and will always consider others before himself.

David was taken from the sheepfold and was made king of Israel. He was made to feed the flock of Jacob, and was set over God's heritage. What was it that made David so great? We read, "And thy gentleness hath made thee great." Here we see that those who have the gentleness of Christ, though they may not be conversant with all that the world calls good form, will always be gentlemen and gentlewomen, and will always be approachable instead of repellent.

And no one when called to teach, needs to fear or be dismayed, but be strong and of good courage, for Joshua's God tells you through Paul to the Philippians, that he will supply all your needs accord-

ng to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Therefore no matter what the circumstances, environments, or vocations are, if a teacher does, with his might what his hands find to do, and studies to show himself a workman approved of God, he need never be a failure, but can be an efficient co-worker with Christ, and his efforts can become fruitful in winning souls for the kingdom of God.

MRS. S. A. CARTER,
Tekonsha, Mich.

From the Field.

LOWELL.

Since our last report from this place the weather continued to seriously interfere with our meetings. Altho we put a stove in the meeting tent, the people would not risk themselves in our cotton meeting house on stormy or cool nights, therefore our attendance at the last was not large. However, one, in addition to the two reported in a former report, decided to obey the commandments of God, and others are considering how to arrange affairs and be obedient.

We took our tents down on the 2nd, instant, and stored them in Lowell, thinking it may be advisable to pitch in another part of the city next spring, if the Lord is willing and everything seems favorable.

S. D. HARTWELL,
M. C. WHITMARSH.

WAYLAND.

Dear Herald:

We are pleased to report that we left a good interest at Wayland. Had the weather been pleasant, we feel sure that it would have been greater. Our hearts were made glad one night, when it was real cold, to have one lady say, "If anyone asks me what I am, I shall tell them I am a Seventh-day Adventist." Two nights later a young lady, just about to graduate from the High school, stepped up to us

and said "I want to join your church." Many invited us to call upon them to talk about our truths.

We believe that if further personal work was done here, a fair sized church could be raised up in this place, possibly one of twenty-five members. In fact, quite a goodly number wished to know if we would start a church here. Pray that a goodly company may be raised up here and that the seed sown may be watered and increased.

JOHN E. HANSON,
J. MELVIN WILBUR.

GRAND RAPIDS.

The Lord has greatly blessed the work and opened the way especially among the Holland people, for which I praise His dear name.

On Monday evenings from eight to ten come together. Five of them are young people, and oh, how they long to study God's word! One of them is a Sunday-school teacher, but after she had attended the first meeting, she said, "I have never heard God's word explained like that before. Why don't the ministers tell us of Jesus' coming and explain prophecy? May the Lord bless these souls. I know he is gathering them out.

Once a week I go to Grandville to meet a company of Holland people. One Holland lady who has begun to observe all God's commandments and been so tried, is holding on to God and the Lord is using her to help others. She has invited the minister to come to see her as he spoke against our people. She says, "The Lord will teach me just what to say as He has promised in His word." Pray that God will be glorified and that good may come out of this.

The work is great, but let us be willing to be used as clay in the hands of the potter, so God's will will be done in our hearts as it is done in heaven.

JENNIE DEYOUNG.

Financial.

Receipts of the West Michigan Conference, September 1907.

Tithe	-	-	1,898 30
Weekly Offerings	-		21 57
Sabbath School Offerings	-		34 27
O. H. F. T. D. Fund	-		512 70
General Fund	-		25 05
Tent and Camp-meeting F'd.	-		35 41
Teachers' Summer Normal	-		1 06
China Mission	-		16 00
Mission Board Offerings	-		48 36
Finish Mission	-		104 70
Jamaica Conference	-		10 80
African Mission	-		40
Cedar Lake Academy F'd.	-		5 00
Self-denial Fund	-		3 25
Mid-Summer Offerings	-		11 63
Free-will Offering	-		25
Winifred Trunk Fund	-		3 85
Japan Mission	-		1 00
Southern Field	-		1 00
Jewish Fund	-		1 00
Dr. Cave Fund	-		1 00
Total			2,736 60

Receipts of West Michigan Tract Society.

On Account	-	-	139 44
M'dse.	-	-	61 37
West Mich. Herald	-	-	4 50
Total			205 31
Grand Total			2,941 91

Report of Tithe for Sept. 1907.

Battle Creek	-	-	631 05
Belding	-	-	25 31
Benton Harbor	-	-	101 01
Berrien Springs	-	-	36 86
Bushnell	-	-	54 13
Byron Center	-	-	15 73
Carson City	-	-	26 92
Cedar Lake	-	-	84 36
Decatur	-	-	3 10
Eaton Rapids	-	-	1 50
Frost	-	-	2 05
Glenwood	-	-	20 51
Grand Rapids	-	-	319 06
Kalamazoo	-	-	237 20
Mendon	-	-	23 32
Muskegon	-	-	2 26
Niles	-	-	5 00
Otsego	-	-	33 65
Palo	-	-	8 50
Paw Paw	-	-	81 42

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Potterfield - - -	7 95
Rothbury - - -	25 00
Shelby - - -	29 60
Union City - - -	42 48
Wright - - -	32 55
East Mich. Conference	1 00
Kansas Conference	2 89
Western N. Y. Conference	3 40
Individuals - - -	40 49
Total	1,898 30

Young People's Missionary Volunteer Lesson Sabbath, October 26, 1907.—World to be Warned.

1. What work must first be done before the Lord returns? Matt. 24:14.

2. Through what message is the gospel of the Kingdom preached? Rev. 14:9-12, 14, 15.

3. How many of the believers have a part in this work? Mark 13:34.

4. Is there a definite place for each one to labor? "Object Less." p 327. First three lines.

5. For what purpose have we been redeemed? "Object Less," p 326 3d paragraph.

6. Will donations of money take the place of personal labor? "Object Less." p 343 1st paragraph.

7. What prophecy describes the attitude of God's people in the last days? Ps. 110:3.

8. How shall we enter upon the work? Isa. 52:11-13.

9. How shall we labor? Eccl. 11:1, 6.

10. What encouraging promise is given the worker in Isa. 55:10-11.

11. What is the result of withholding our means from the suffering cause of God? Prov. 11:24, 25.

12. What difference is made in the day of final rewards between

the "Givers" and the "Keepers?" Matt. 25:31-46.

13. When Jesus comes, what call is issued to those who have sacrificed to advance the message? Ps. 50:1-5.

14. What motive should actuate us in our labors? 2 Cor. 5:14.

15. What is said of those who labor for souls? Dan. 12:3.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

News and Notes.

All of the tent meetings have closed for this season.

All of the workers in the Otsego office attended the meeting in Battle Creek.

Elder M. N. Campbell spent Sabbath, October 12, with the Kalamazoo church.

Dr. L. J. Otis is recovering from the burns that he received at the time his tent burned.

A new heating plant has been put in the tabernacle and the Review office at Battle Creek.

Brother J. B. Blosser, the Lake Union Conference Field Secretary, attended the workers' council.

We wish we could say that we have received a report from every Sabbath-school secretary, but we cannot.

In the last twenty years our Sabbath-schools have given \$455,000 to mission fields. Let us continue to give to this good cause.

Sabbath, October 5, four persons were baptized and united with the church at Shelby. Elder W. C. Hebner administered the ordinance.

Elder W. H. Heckman and Brother S. S. Gray report a good interest at Two Rivers. Perhaps they will favor us with a report some time in the near future.

Sabbath, October 12, Elder W. C. Hebner spent with the church at Mecosta. He reports a good meeting. The Lord was present and blessed by His Holy Spirit.

Brother C. A. Russell visited the church school at Charlotte Thursday, October 17. He gives a good report of this school. It is prospering under the direction of Miss Augusta Blosser.

Elder R. W. Parmelee spoke in the Battle Creek church Sabbath, October 12, in the interests of the work in the South. He is working in the interests of the Sanitarium at Nashville, Tenn.

Friday morning, October 18, the Battle Creek Academy chapel exercises were conducted by C. A. Russell. He gave them an interesting talk on the life of Elijah.

The first meeting of the workers' council was held in Battle Creek Thursday, October 17, at 7:30 p. m. Elder R. W. Parmelee was given the first part of the hour to present the needs of the Sanitarium at Nashville, Tenn. Elder A. G. Haughey occupied the remainder of the time in telling the object of this meeting. Friday, October 18, at 9:00 a. m. Elder Allen Moon occupied the time in presenting the subject of "Bible Organization." At 10:30 a. m. Elder A. G. Haughey read some important communications from the spirit of prophecy. At this writing, Friday, October 18, at 12 m., most of the workers are present. We hope to give a complete report in our next issue.

The Battle Creek Academy is now a free school. For years in the past the tuition plan has been followed in the Battle Creek school. But when the pastor of the church presented the matter from a Bible standpoint and from the Testimonies, the church loyally rose to the situation, and at the close of a Sabbath morning services in September, donated and pledged a sufficient amount of money to carry the school through the year without tuition.

So now this school is being conducted just as God has said it should be. We are employing five teachers and have an enrollment of 140 students.