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... & other anniversaries




Five hundred years ago
this month, Martin Luther,
nailed to the door of
Wittenburg Castle Church
his list of 95 theses...



Season of Anniversaries

In 11 days' time, October 22nd, it will be the 173rd anniversary of the "Great Disappointment" of 1844



On October 22nd, it will
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Seventh-day Adventist
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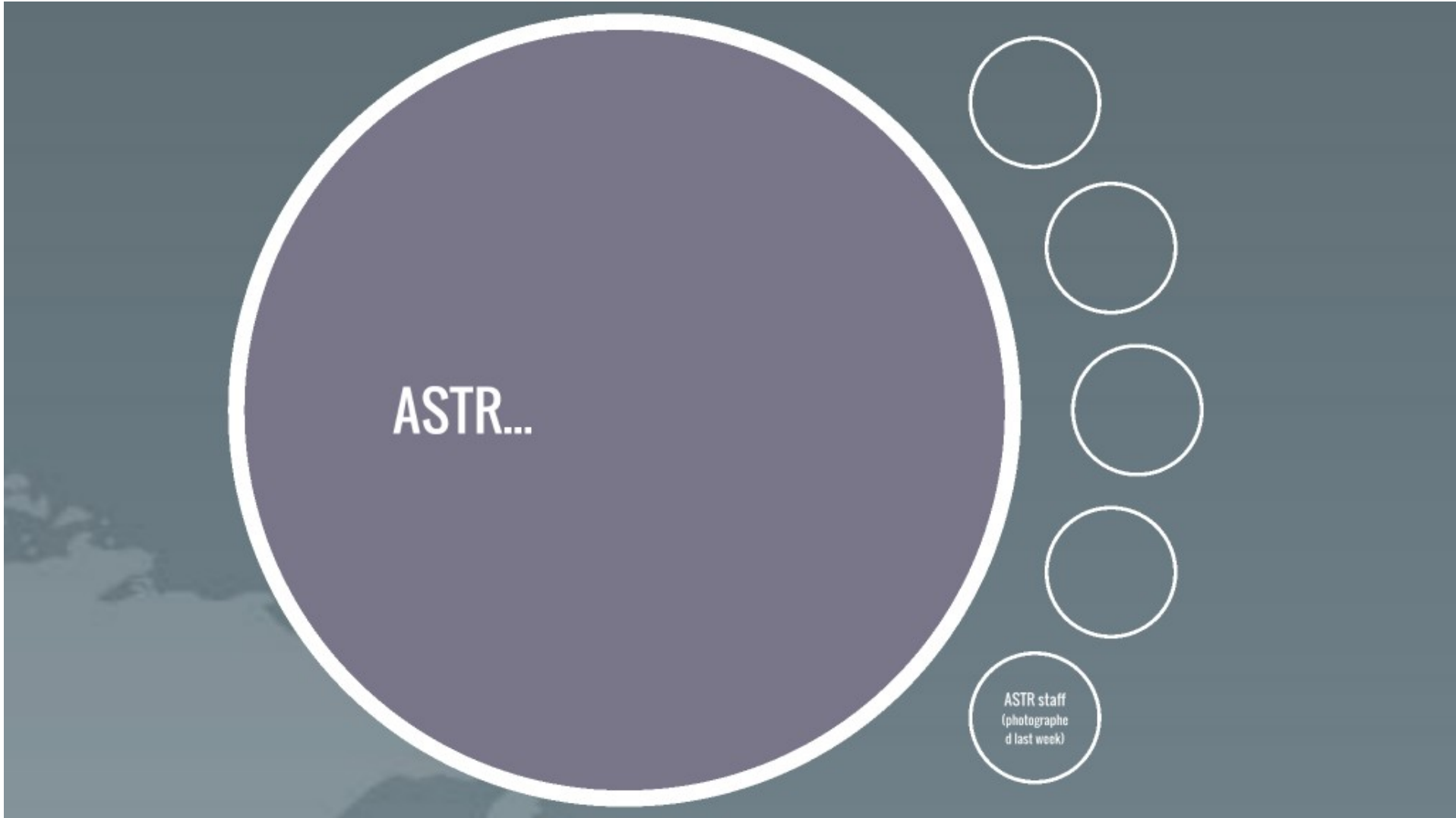


Dangers of Forgetting

*'We have nothing to fear
for the future **except as
we shall forget** the way
the Lord has led us, and his
teaching in our past
history.'*

Life Sketches (1915), 196









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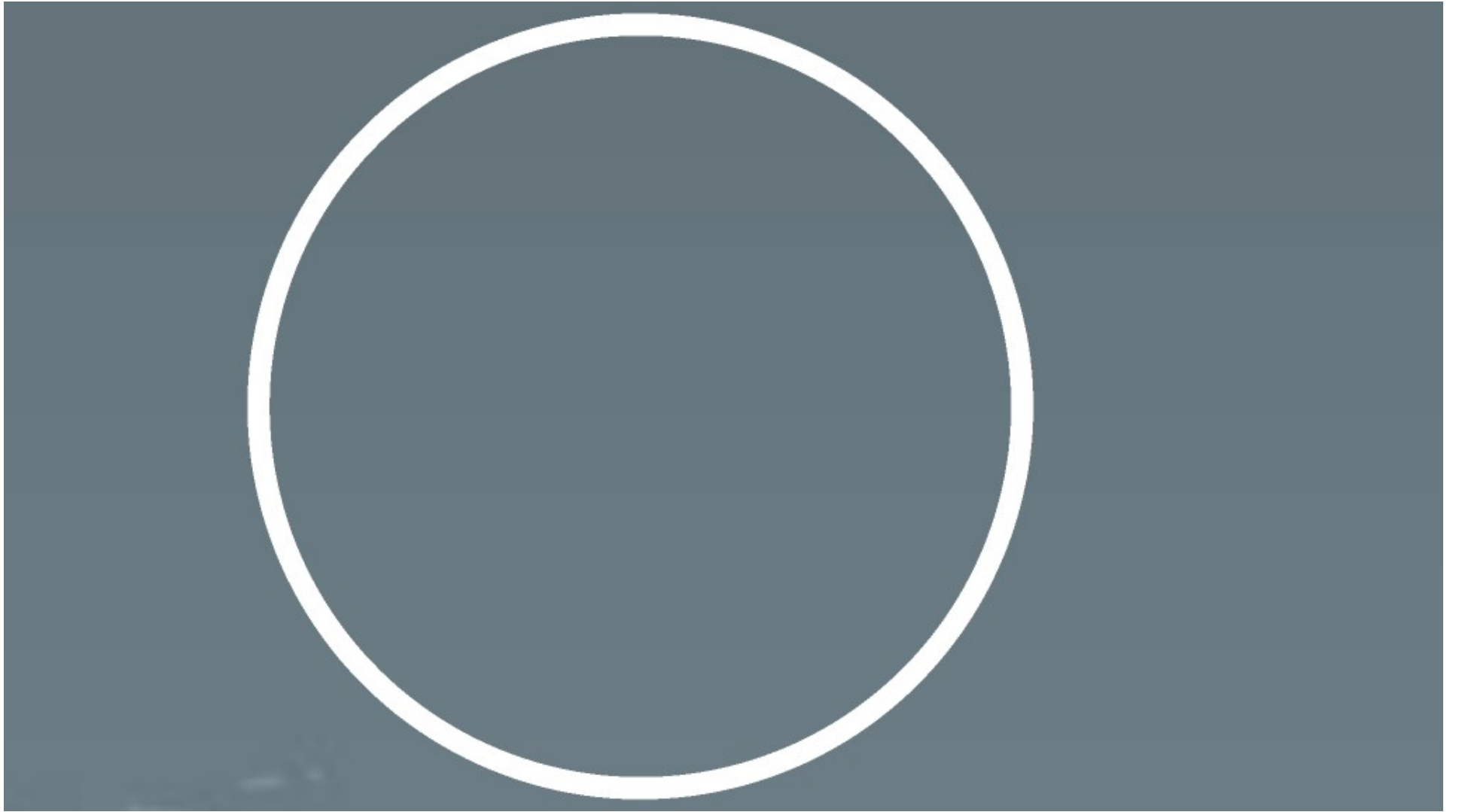
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Adventist identity



And we strive to
improve mission
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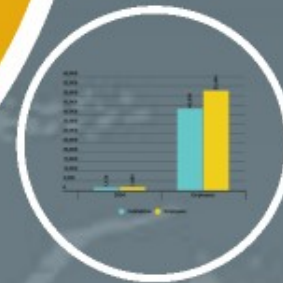
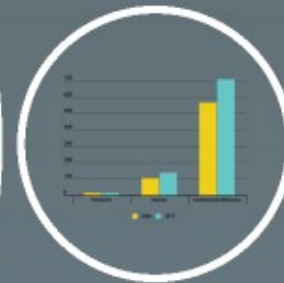
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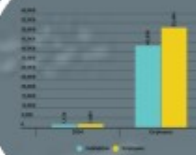
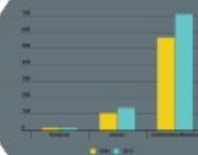
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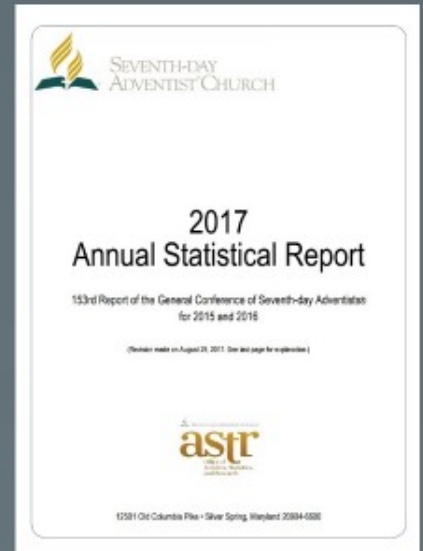
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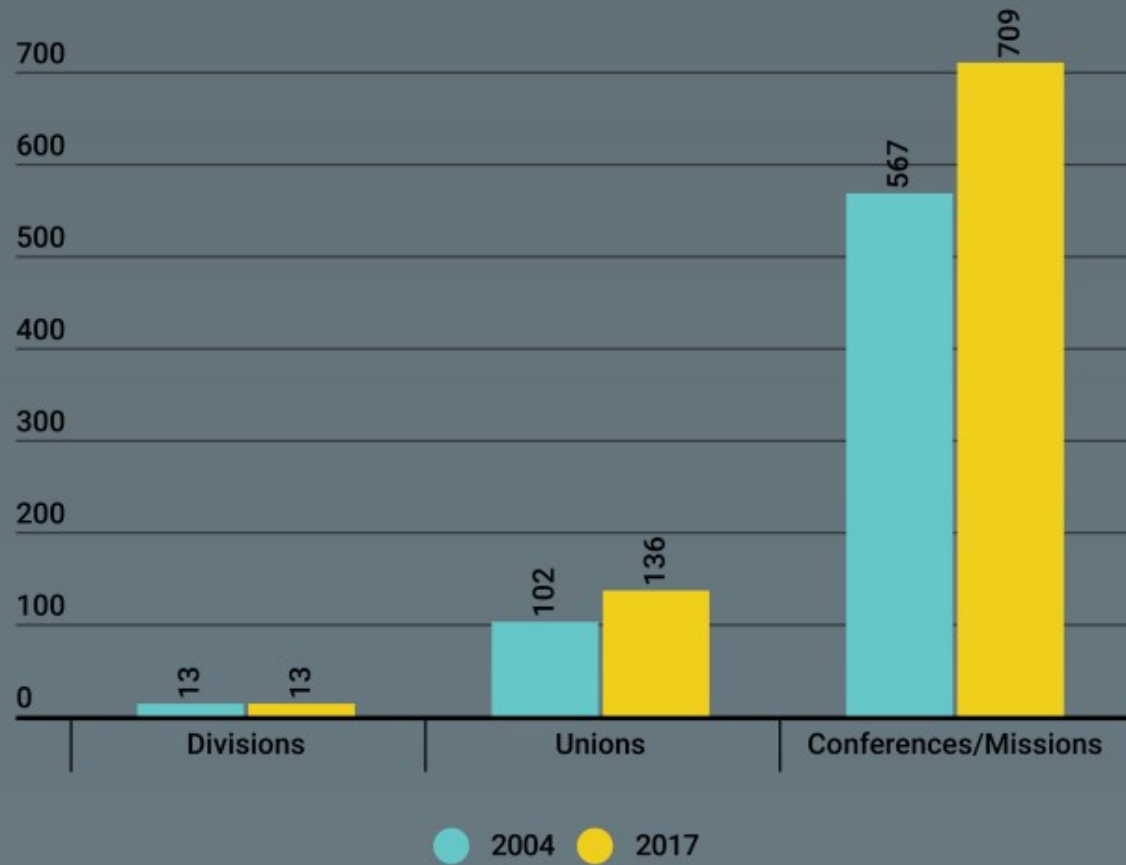




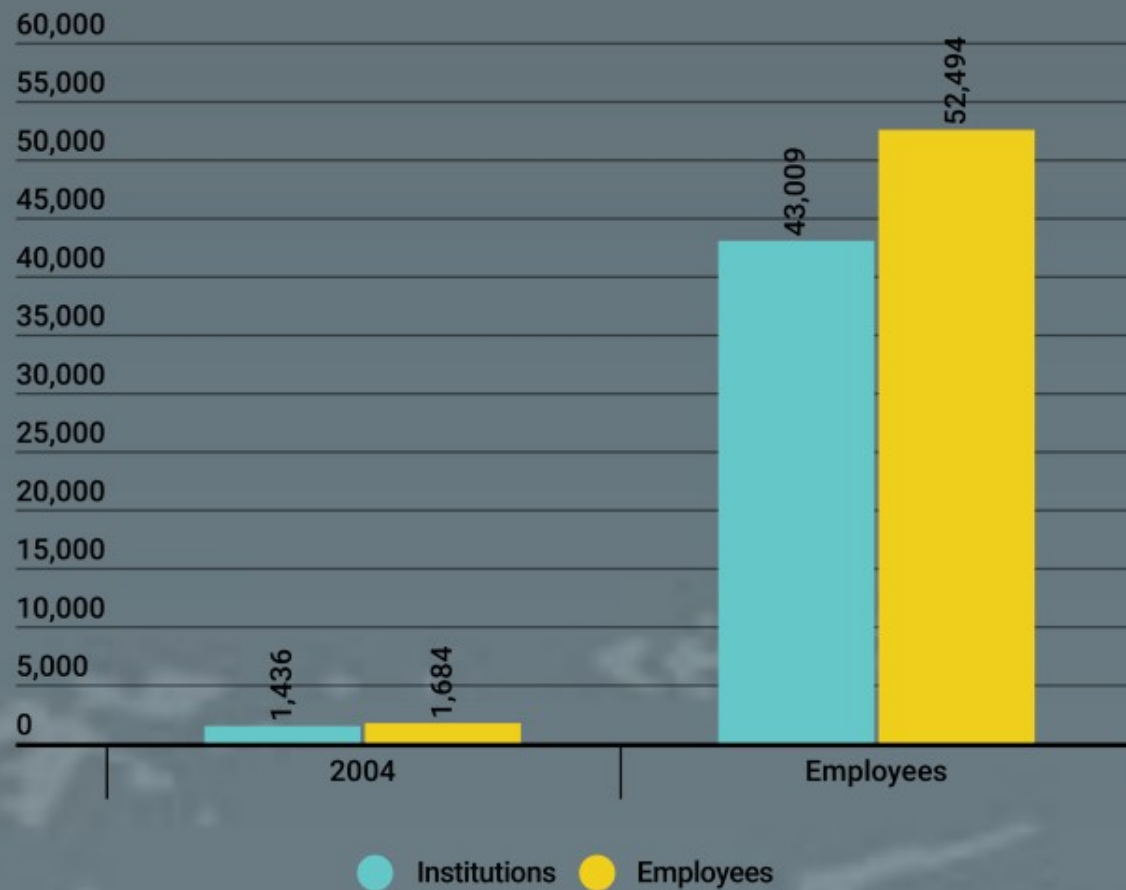
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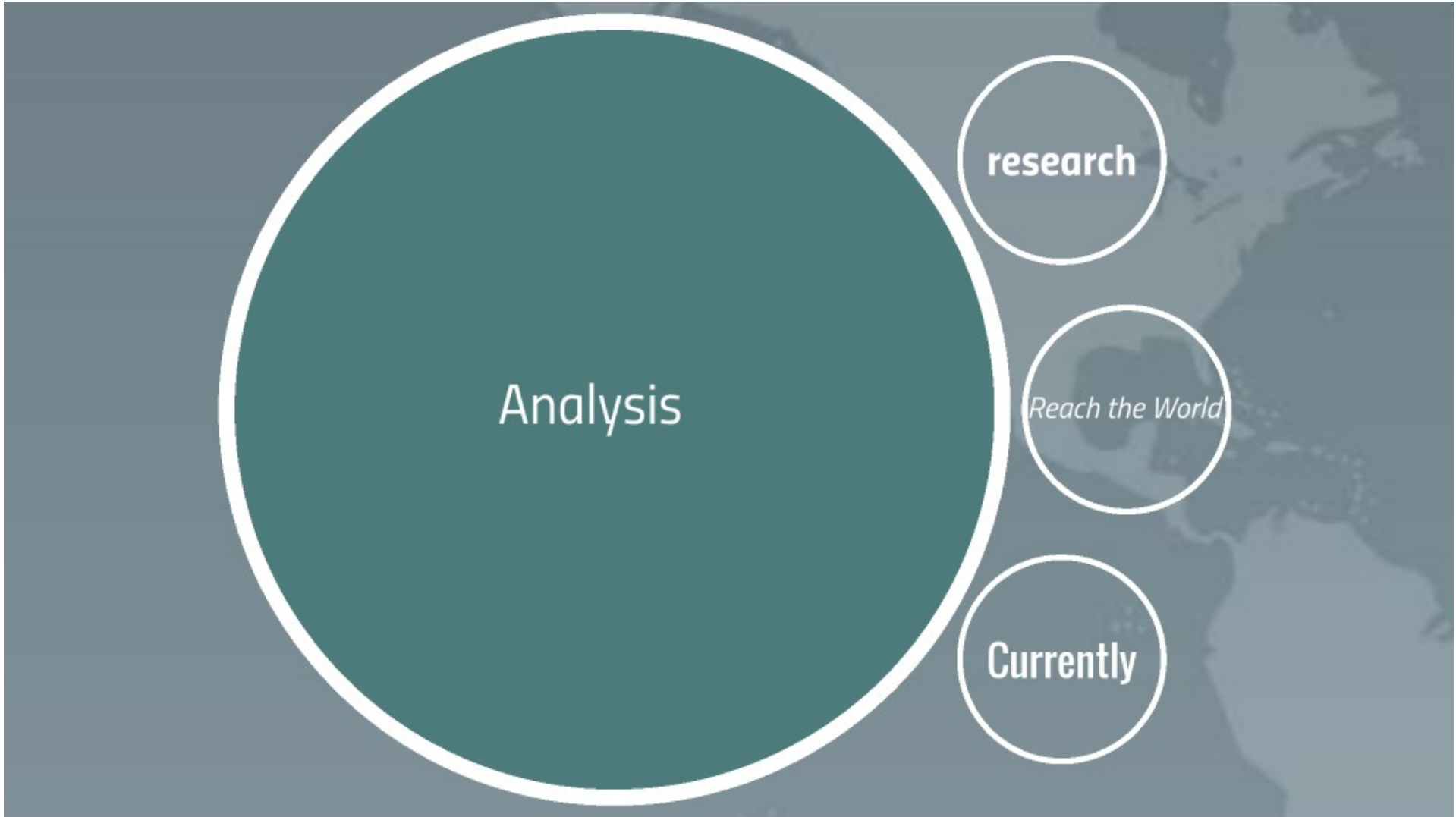


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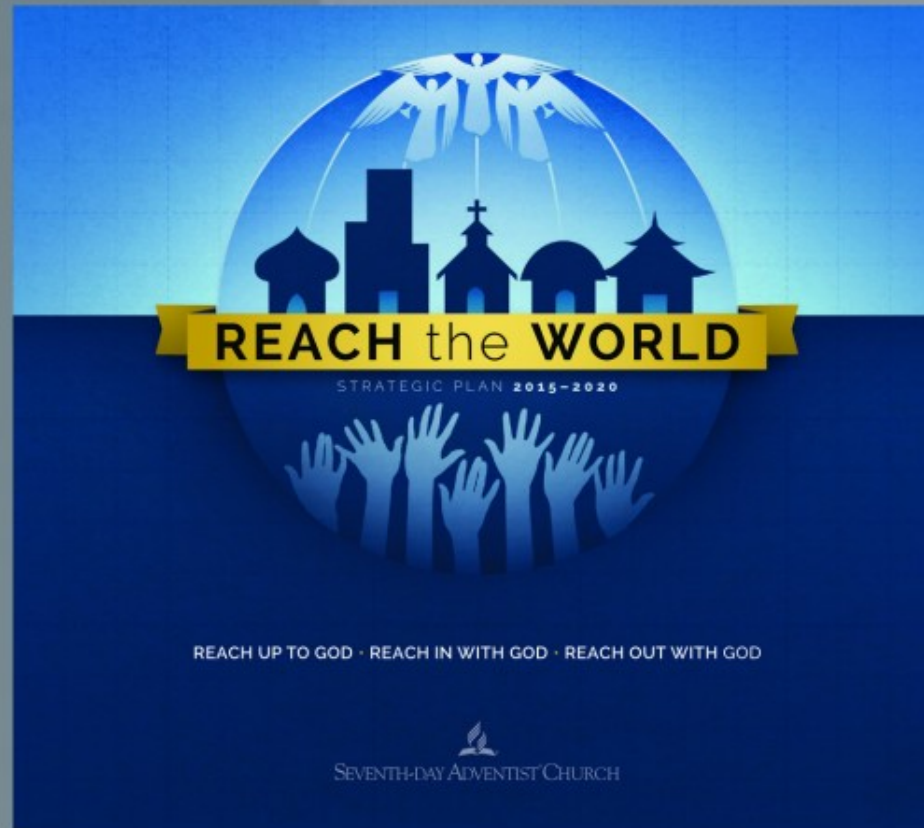


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Theological Student Pays \$50 Fine for Rum Running

Forced to Quit College Because of Money Shortage, He Still Plans to Become Missionary After Federal Court Conviction.

A student who is planning to become a foreign missionary was fined \$50 by Judge Simon L. Adler in Federal court Wednesday for smuggling liquor into the United States.

He is Floyd Metcalfe, 24. He came to Woodlawn last summer from Washington Mission college, a Seventh Day Adventist institution in Washington, where he had been in attendance for about two years. His funds had run out and he had been forced to discontinue his course. He was forced to borrow funds from his attorney to pay his fine.

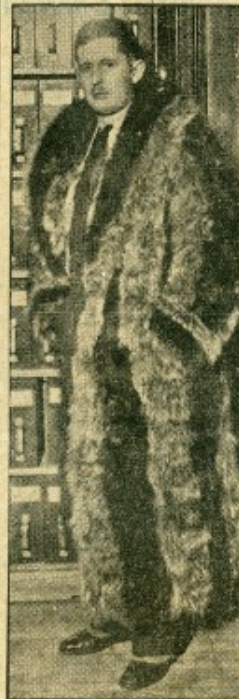
Last June he was arrested by members of the Customs border patrol on Motor Island, when they found him with a rowboat and two cases of whisky. He was released on bail, but when cited to appear in court he failed to show up. Federal authorities lost track of him until a few days ago, when his name appeared in a list of those arraigned in City court for traffic ordinance violations.

"You see, I ran out of money to carry on my course at the college, so I came up here where I knew I could make connections," he told a News reporter.

Asked if he were planning to return to the college, he said:

"Oh, certainly, I expect to go back right away, complete my course and become a missionary."

About two months ago, his brother, Gaylor Metcalfe, and a companion were found dead of exposure in an open boat on the lake. Their craft had developed motor trouble and they had become caught in the ice. Both were dead when found. The boat was empty at the time, but it was disclosed that the men had put out from a Canadian port with a load of liquor.



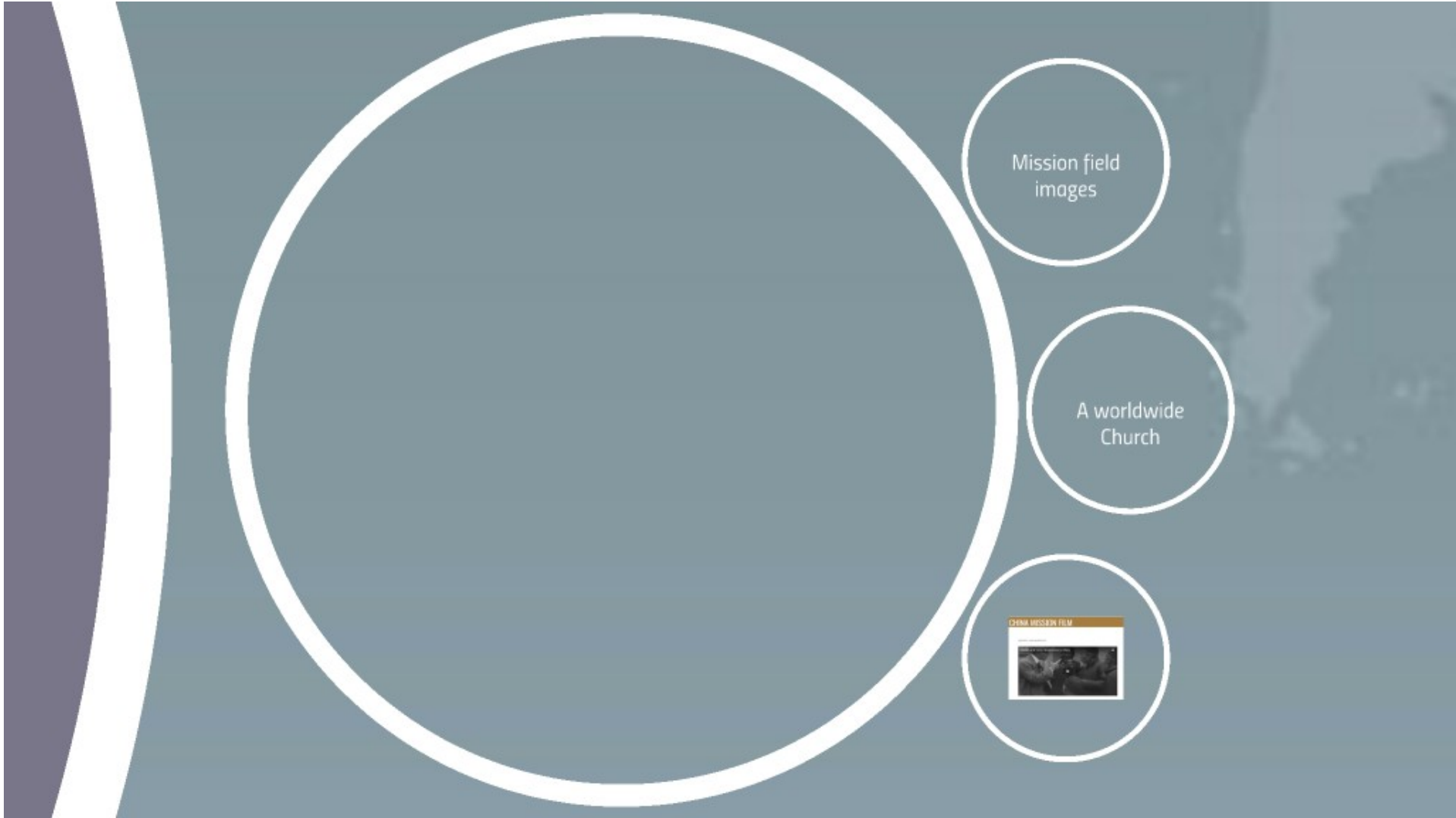
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FLOYD METCALFE

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*First baptism Kalambezi Mission.
Note the arrangement of the boats while
baptising to avoid dangers of crocodiles*



China Mission Film

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On April 6, 1896, twin sons were born to William and Mary White in Cooranbong, Australia. Named Herbert Clarence and James Henry, the latter went by Henry from a young age. They left Australia as young children and grew up in California. With Ellen White as grandmother, "foreign mission service was ever kept before them as the most desirable life objective," as one of their friends later remembered, and both brothers responded to calls to serve as missionaries in China, Henry in 1921, Herbert in 1923, bringing their young families along with them. Herbert managed the church publishing house and did other administrative work, while Henry worked in education. Both families returned home in 1929. Sadly, both brothers died young, Henry in 1954, and Herbert in 1962.

Henry White was a keen amateur movie-maker and photographer. He sold photographs commercially, and he is the filmmaker behind the 16mm footage you see here. He took many movies in China, both of the local people and of missionaries. The footage was donated to the Adventist Archives last year by Henry's daughter, Daphne Odell, and her daughter, Marilyn Cook, and was

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UNIFORMITY TO GOD.

I seem, my God, at length to be at home.
I lay all else to rest, and give my heart to thee.
I feel, my God, at length to be at home.
I lay all else to rest, and give my heart to thee.
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I feel, my God, at length to be at home.
I lay all else to rest, and give my heart to thee.

How wouldst thou, my God, at length to be at home.
I lay all else to rest, and give my heart to thee.
I feel, my God, at length to be at home.
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BUSINESS PROCEEDINGS OF D. C. CONFERENCE.

Immediately after the Sabbath, Sept. 25, 1866, the conference assembled and proceeded to organize for the transaction of business by appointing Joseph Hildes to the chair and U. Smith for secretary.

Letters from delegates were called for. A number reported themselves as delegates who had not thought it necessary to bring letters. Bro. J. C. Clark and H. C. Case were delegates by letters from the Levant. Three churches, Ohio. Bro. Hildes also from the church in Gilboa, Ohio presented the following:

"The church of God at Gilboa in their brotherly love conference assembled at Berlin Creek, presenting: Dear brethren, inasmuch as a general conference has been called for our brethren to deliberate together upon the state of the cause of present truth (which is, we trust, one common cause with us all), and whereas being assembled over a vast extent of country it becomes necessary to suggest to the Brethren to suggest by delegates, we would therefore accept the proposal of Section No. 11, and request brethren to send conference by our delegates, Bro. Hildes, through whom we submit the following resolutions to our conference assembly, all of which we cheerfully submit to the consideration of your honorable body as lovers of the cause we love, and also desirous to advance it by every legal facility in our power.

"Resolved, That we are highly favorable to such organization, and wish only, as the Bible authorizes and requires.

"Resolved, That we consider it a duty to increase the help. And in just so much as will enable the publishing committee to have free from encumbrances such publications and in such quantity as will supply the positive wants of the cause; and we shall consider it a privilege to have our reasonable parts of such burden.

"Resolved, That we are in favor of the church as large as being and retaining the present. Resolves are to be made it convenient to hold in place of the aid and work, and therefore be held as the property of said church, providing the Brethren in the opinion of the church, through which each local church may be allowed to express itself.

"Resolved, That we consider it desirable that church property be secured, but having more confidence in that company suggested upon the foundation of speaking engagements and (Chap. 2, 29), that it would have more safety, to be more trustworthy, being blood-bought, blood-purified, then any company organized on the principles of secular, we therefore resolve that the church be its own insurance company.

It was then moved that the letters be accepted. Bro. Wagoner. Mr. Chairman: I would inquire if the action of acceptance will include anything beyond accepting these several resolutions? Can we accept the letters without taking any action upon the resolutions contained in them?

CHAIRMAN. We accept them as resolutions of the delegates without necessarily ordering anything to be done in them.

Such having been decided to be the intent of the motion, it was unanimously carried.

Bro. Hildes. As Bro. White has written considerably on the subject of organization, I move that he read a few moments in talking to us, and laying the subject out before us.

CHAIRMAN. If the subject of organization is the first thing for the consideration of the conference, we are ready for those who have anything to say on the subject.

Bro. Warren. Perhaps, Bro. Spokes, an apology to those present in this for our unsatisfactory meeting without having business arranged. When I saw Bro. Wagoner and Smith in regard to a call for a conference, it was designed to have its commencement on Thursday and so the ground was together as early as Wednesday to arrange business to be held before the conference. We soon learned that the Fair holds in this place would not close till Friday night, and we thought it would not be proper to call our brethren together while the Fair was in session. This is why this meeting holds on so earlier as we supposed.

Bro. Anderson. I understand, Mr. Chairman, that all that is necessary to open our business is to elect a committee, to make of some kind in reference to the matter of organization, and then the matter of the subject can be discussed; those who wish to speak can present what they have to say.

Bro. Loveland. Mr. Chairman I propose to reduce Bro. Hall's motion into the form of one, or I understand it rather comprehensively, two points, first that we take up the subject of organization, and second, that Bro. White present the subject before us.

Bro. Hildes. Mr. Chairman, I will then put the motion in this form. I move that we consider the subject of organization.

This motion was seconded and adopted. Bro. Bracker. Mr. Chairman in order to

bring this subject in a tangible form before the meeting, I would move that the church organize.—Seconded.

Bro. Loveland. As there are perhaps some who would consider the church organized when it was not in a situation to hold property, and in discussing the subject might drop us to what they would consider the Bible organization, I therefore propose to amend Bro. Bracker's motion so that it shall read, that we organize in such a manner as to hold property legally.

Bro. Bracker. I accept the amendment.


Bro. Warren. Bro. Chairman you will permit me to tell you further observations on Mr. Loveland's motion. I wish to make a very few remarks. I do it, however, chiefly because my name has been mentioned. I did not design to take a very active part in this matter; for all the readers of the Review know that I have spoken through the paper very freely on this subject. I sincerely wish to read a very few extracts from the Review, from what I have said, to refresh your minds. I will not read in the way of the meeting long. My first suggestion is moved to be long.

"We call our positions and leading brethren to give this matter their attention. If any object to our suggestion, will they please write out a plan on which we as a people can act."

The suggestion referred to may, perhaps, properly be read. It was this: "We hope, however, that the time is not far distant when this people will be in that position necessary to get church property increased, hold their meetings, business in a proper manner, that those persons aiding their wife, and wishing to do so, can appropriate a portion to the publishing department."

I propose only to read a few extracts. Time will not admit of my being lengthy. I will give attention to the closing paragraph of this first article, in which I make this suggestion. I will read it again: "If any object to our suggestion, will they please write out a plan on which we as a people can act." I merely make the suggestion that there should be an organization sufficient for the accomplishment of the things here suggested.

Just how this should be done, and how far we should go, I have made no suggestion from first to last. I did not expect that if any brother responded upon the subject, he would, if he objected to my suggestion, write out a plan on which we as a people could act. Bro. R. F. C. replied to my article, but did not write out a plan as called for. I will not speak here of the advances of his article. When I came home from Iowa, I wrote a reply which occupies two pages and one column of the Review. In this I close up with quoting the same remarks that I have already read: "If any object to our suggestion will they please write out a plan on which we as a people can act." It is a recent number of the Review [No. 20], I will mention in the subject as I am speaking upon a letter received from Bro. Hildes in the close of this article I move my motion. I considered it necessary to do this from the fact that my suggestion which was replied to by



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BRO. WHITE. Bro Chairman (you will permit me to call you brother chairman as Mr. is so exceedingly cold), I wish to make a very few re-



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