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Behavior in the House of God

THE readers of the MESSENGER will appreciate a short series of articles from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White upon the subject, Behavior in the House of God. We commend these to our readers as worthy of the most thoughtful consideration. Too often in these days a carelessness manifests itself in connection with the services of the house of God, and the reverence which should be manifested in connection with religious exercises is not cherished. May the timely counsel and instruction in this series of articles cause us to give more thought to these things. EDITOR.

To the humble, believing soul, the house of God on earth is the gate of heaven. The song of praise, the prayer, the words spoken by Christ's representatives, are God's appointed agencies to prepare a people for the church above, for that loftier worship into which there can enter nothing that defileth.

From the sacredness which was attached to the earthly sanctuary, Christians may learn how they should regard the place where the Lord meets with his people. There has been a great change, not for the better, but for the worse, in the habits and customs of the people in reference to religious worship. The precious, the sacred things, which connect us with God, are fast losing their hold upon the minds and hearts, and are being brought down to the level of common things. The reverence which the people had anciently for the sanctuary where they met with God in sacred service, has largely passed away. Nevertheless, God himself gave the order of his service, exalting it high above everything of a temporal nature.

The house is the sanctuary for the family and the closet or the grove the most retired place for individual worship; but the church is the sanctuary for the congregation. There should be rules in regard to the time, the place, and the manner of worshiping. Nothing that is sacred, nothing that pertains to the worship of God, should be treated with carelessness or indifference. In order that men may do their best work in showing forth the praises of God, their associations must be such as will keep the sacred distinct from the common, in their minds. Those who have broad ideas, noble thoughts and aspirations, are those who have associations that strengthen all thoughts of divine things. Happy are those who have a sanctuary, be it high or low, in the city or among the rugged mountain caves, in the lowly cabin or in the

wilderness. If it is the best they can secure for the Master, he will hallow the place with his presence, and it will be holy unto the Lord of hosts.

When the worshipers enter the place of meeting, they should do so with decorum, passing quietly to their seats. If there is a stove in the room, it is not proper to crowd about it in an indolent, careless attitude. Common talking, whispering, and laughing should not be permitted in the house of worship, either before or after service. Ardent, active piety should characterize the worshipers.

(To be continued)

'Twill Not be Long Now

Having been called upon several times of late to officiate at funerals in the homes of faithful believers in this message, I have been deeply impressed with the hope that illuminates their hearts in the hour of bereavement. "Twill not be long now" is the thought most often expressed. The soon coming of Jesus, and the resurrection of the dead are no mere theories with the remnant. They are a living, precious hope that buoys up God's children in the saddest experiences through which they are called to pass. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: . . . Wherefore comfort one another with these words." What blessed hope and consolation these words contain. What a reassuring answer to the despairing cry of the soul, "If a man die shall he live again?" Yes, dear sorrowing ones, we shall, if faithful, meet our loved ones again. We shall have the blessed privilege of association with them in a land that knows no tears, no sorrows, no disappointed hopes. The inhabitants on that shining strand shall never say, "I am sick," nor shall the dread procession of the dead pass our homes on its way to the vale of silence. In fields of living green, made glorious by flowers of the loveliest hues; in forests of towering trees, by the banks of the peaceful river of life, beneath the wide-spreading branches of the tree of life, we shall roam in happy bands, and our hearts will thrill to the music of heavenly choirs, whose majestic anthems of praise cause the lofty vaults of heaven to re-echo the glories of Him who died and rose again, and whose precious blood has washed and cleansed us from every guilty stain. Truly, dear brethren,

ren, our sojourn here is not for long. The sand in the glass is almost run. The harvest is almost ripe, and the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth. Let us be faithful and true to the message, and ere long the blessed hope will be realized in the return of our Lord. Persecution may rage; the loss of earthly goods and treasures will come; affliction may do its work; but "twill not be long now." Probation's closing hour is almost here, the overwhelming scourge of the seven last plagues will soon have done its awful work. Then, the storms all past, we shall anchor in the peaceful harbor of our everlasting home.

"O brother be faithful! soon Jesus will come,
For whom we have waited so long;
O, soon we shall enter our glorious home,
And join in the conqueror's song.

O brother, be faithful! for why should we prove
Unfaithful to him who hath shown
Such deep, such unbounded and infinite love—
Who died to redeem us his own."

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Condition of Mrs. E. G. White

Sanitarium, Cal.

April 9, 1915,

Dear Editor,—

To-morrow will complete eight weeks since mother's accident. During this time she has been uniformly cheerful and patient, and wholly resigned to the will of God in her behalf.

March 17, at the time of the annual meeting of the St. Helena Sanitarium Board, several of our brethren attending the meeting called to see mother. Among them were J. N. Loughborough, I. H. Evans, J. O. Corliss, H. W. Cottrell, E. E. Andross, H. S. Shaw, and E. W. Farnsworth. Mother was pleased to meet these old friends, and spoke words of cheer and courage regarding the goodness and mercy of God to her, and the abundant blessings and grace bestowed upon His people.

For a few days after this, she seemed much weaker. Then during the week of the Loma Linda meeting, March 24-30, she rallied and seemed some better.

March 31, when I reached home after the Loma Linda meeting, and asked mother how she was feeling, she said, "I am getting along pretty well,—in rather a hard way." In the afternoon, she seemed to be in deep thought, and slowly said "I do not know just what we should do for our young people; but we must keep close to them, that we may know what is right and wrong."

Sabbath afternoon, April 3, while talking with my children, she said:

"The Lord is very good to us, and if we follow on to know the Lord, we shall know that his going forth is prepared as the morning. Is there any question in your minds in regard to what is right, look to the Lord Jesus and he will guide you. We should bring every plan to the Lord to see if he approves it.

"Remember that the Lord will carry us through. I am guarding every moment so that nothing may come between me and the Lord. I hope there will not. God grant that we may all prove faithful. There will be a glorious meeting soon.

"I am glad that you have come to see me. May the Lord bless you. Amen."

During the week just closing there has been a marked decline in strength. She is able to eat but little,—not enough to sustain strength and give promise of recovery. In a very cheerful way, she says repeatedly that her work is done, and she will soon be at rest.

We are thankful that in response to many prayers, God has given her so large a degree of assurance and peace.

W. C. WHITE.

Elder Tanner's Death

Word reached this office today that Elder W. J. Tanner, president of the West Virginia Conference, and former president of the Quebec Conference, died at the Washington, D. C., Sanitarium, Monday morning April 12, following an aggravated attack of pneumonia. Further particulars will doubtless appear in the *Review and Herald* next week.

This sad message will come as a shock to his many friends in Quebec and other parts of this Union where he was so well known. My association with Elder Tanner led me to esteem him very highly as a friend and brother, and I knew him as a man of unswerving loyalty to his conceptions of principle. His integrity was unquestioned. The gospel laborers in this Union will join me in expressing to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this trying hour. A valiant soldier of the cross has fallen, but he fell at his post, and now awaits the overcomer's reward.

"The stranger's eye wept that in life's brightest bloom,
One gifted so highly should sink to the tomb;
For in ardor he led in the van of the host,
And he fell like a soldier, he died at his post."

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Scholarship Plans

Arrangements have been made between the Buena Vista and Williamsdale Academies and the Canadian Publishing Association whereby the following scholarship offers are made. A scholarship will entitle the holder to a year's attendance at either academy with full home privileges and the pursuit of four regular studies and one drill. In other words to the full privilege of both the class room and the school home, exclusive only of extra expenses and fees, such as enrolment fee, laboratory fee, etc. These being special charges they are not covered by the scholarship.

Three scholarship plans are presented as follows for school:—

BUENA VISTA ACADEMY

1.—Regular tuition, board, etc., for one school year with no daily work required: Sale of \$277.00 worth of subscription books, or sale of 2309 of our 10 cent magazines.

2.—Regular tuition, board, etc., for one school year with one hour's work each day required: Sale of \$244.00 worth of subscription books or sale of 2034 of our 10 cent magazines.

3.—Regular tuition, board, etc., for one school year with two hours' work each day required: Sale of \$211.00 worth of subscription books or sale of 1759 of our 10 cent magazines.

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No. 1—Sale of \$268.00 worth of subscription books, or sale of 2234 ten-cent magazines.

No. 2—Sale of \$235.00 worth of subscription books, or sale of 1959 ten-cent magazines.

No. 3—Sale of \$202.00 worth of subscription books, or sale of 1684 ten-cent magazines.

In the case of plan No. 3 for either school special arrangements must be made with the principal of the academy for the privilege of two hours' work a day. Without this no assurance can be given that this amount of work will be furnished.

In the case of each of the foregoing offers the full amount of these sales is to be paid over to the Canadian Publishing Association.

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Faithfulness in little things fits us for heroism when greater trials come.—*Louise Alcott.*

Ontario Conference

Church Organization at Peterboro

In response to a request to the Ontario Conference for organization, the writer met with the believers at Peterboro, Sabbath and Sunday, April 10 and 11. Years ago there was a church organization at this place but death, apostasy and removals reduced the number of resident Sabbath keepers to three. A year ago last November, Brother and Sister Wagar came here to prepare the ground for a tent effort by the distribution of literature. Their labors in this direction were rewarded by two persons accepting the truth. Last summer Elder F. W. Johnston pitched a tent here and the battle was on in earnest. There was a very uniform attendance at the meetings through the entire course and when the tent was taken down there were about twenty keeping the Sabbath of the Lord. Brother Wagar went on to Kingston and Elder Johnston remained to follow up the work and prepare the new company for organization. On the day set, I found a fine company of believers in the pleasant hall that is used for their meetings. After presenting the principles of our faith, I asked all who were in harmony with these principles and desired to enter into church fellowship to come forward. Eighteen persons responded. Seventeen of these were accepted into fellowship and formed into the Peterboro Church of Seventh-day Adventists. Officers were elected and a resolution adopted requesting that this new organization be accepted into the sisterhood of churches comprising the Ontario Conference of S. D. A., at its next session. Several others are keeping the Sabbath who will in all probability unite with these later. We feel that a good work has been accomplished at Peterboro and we are glad that in spite

Quebec Conference Report for March, 1915.

Churches	Tithe	Annual	Missions	Sab. School	Miscell.	Total
Montreal English	\$ 61 90	\$	\$ 1 45	\$ 29 46	\$ 7 65	\$ 100 46
North Hatley	11 38			5 25		16 63
South Bolton	2 65			2 95		5 60
Fitch Bay	12 50			2 50		15 00
Dixville	36 90		6 35	3 35		46 60
S. Stukely	11 88			3 47		15 35
Individuals	5 00		3 00	16 31		24 31
Montreal French	7 79		20 00	27 03		54 82
Sherbrooke	13 00	55		9 83		23 38
Totals	\$163 00	\$ 55	\$ 30 80	\$100 15	\$ 7 65	\$302 15

F. E. DUFTY Sec-Treas.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending April 10, 1915

Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
John Pengelly	C. K.	46	17	\$24 25	\$15 90	\$ 40 15	\$
Reginald Gage	G. C.	37	21	67 00	17 25	84 25	
C. Wallis	Mag.	17	117	11 70		11 70	11 70
Totals		100	155	\$102 95	\$33 15	\$136 10	\$ 11 70

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Mission Fund Statement

ONTARIO

Amount at 20 cents to March 31..... \$1,416 07
Amount received 359 35
Shortage to date..... \$1,056 72

QUEBEC

Amount at 20 cents to March 31..... \$398 35
Amount received..... 313 68
Shortage to date..... \$84 67

MARITIME

Amount at 20 cents to March 31..... \$598 81
Amount received 348 43
Shortage to date \$250 38

NEWFOUNDLAND

Amount at 20 cents to March 31..... \$156 77
Amount received 71 79
Shortage to date \$84 98

of bitter opposition, the faithful labors of Elder Johnston and his co-laborers have resulted in another good church being added to the list in Ontario. From present prospects two more churches will be organized in Ontario this spring.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

The Purr of the Tiger

One of our brethren in the Maritime Conference recently received the following communication from the chief inquisitor of the Canadian inquisition commonly known by the title of the "Lord's Day Alliance."

"Dear Sir,

"Information has been given me that you regularly engage on Sunday in the work of your ordinary calling. Permit me to draw attention to the fact that this is contrary to the provisions of the Lord's Day Act of Canada, copy of which I enclose with section 5 marked.

"I am advised that your plea in this connection is that you do not work on Saturday, this being your day of rest. I would

say that the act makes no provision whatsoever for this. There is no exemption from penalty allowed anyone who keeps some other day of the week than Sunday. I would therefore ask that you would be good enough, in the interest of preserving the Rest Day for all, to discontinue your Sunday labor. You will readily understand that the first day of the week is the day recognized by the nation, and our Lord's Day Act is the nation's guarantee of a weekly day of rest to its workers of every class.

"I should be pleased to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Instead of defending the day which the Lord has called his own, this organization is bent upon forcing upon men the counterfeit Sabbath born of the papacy, but conceived by the father of lies.

The spirit of intolerance manifested in this communication is worthy of the Roman Inquisition, which with devilish cruelty persecuted all who refused to bend the knee to Rome. The "Lord's Day Alliance" while purring sweetly about "a weekly day of rest to workers of every class" will evidently not hesitate to cast Christian men and women into prison who refuse to bow down to the Romish Sabbath which they have set themselves to exalt. "We have a law" say they, "and by that law you must keep Rome's Sabbath or suffer." This is as it was among the inquisitorial Pharisees of Christ's time. "We have a law" said they, "and by our law he ought to die because he made himself the Son of God." The "Lord's Day Alliance" disregards God's law and exalts man's law. Our answer to such demands must be the language of the sturdy apostles of old: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye."

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Death of Mrs. Jennie VanBuskirk

Word has reached the office of the death of Mrs. Jennie VanBuskirk of Moncton, N. B., the mother of Miss Lulu VanBuskirk the secretary and treasurer of the Maritime Conference. Sister VanBuskirk has been a sufferer for about one year and a half from the disease which caused her death, consumption.

We know the sympathies of the members of the Maritime Conference will be extended to Miss Lulu VanBuskirk and her sisters in this hour of sadness and bereavement.

Obituary

STEWART—Died at Pond Mills near London, Ontario, April 6, 1915, Miss Elizabeth Stewart at the age of 38. The deceased took her training in the nurses' course about twelve years ago in the Battle Creek Sanitarium. During her training she contracted inflammatory rheumatism which brought on the heart trouble that finally resulted in her death. She was baptized by Elder Ballenger and united with the London, Ont. church of which she has since been a faithful member. Though she passed through the deep waters of physical suffering she manifested a beautiful spirit of christian fortitude and patience, and died with full confidence that she would have a part in the first resurrection. She leaves a father, mother and sister to mourn, but they sorrow not as those which have no hope. Words of comfort were spoken from Num. 23:10, to a large gathering of sympathizing friends.

M. N. CAMPBELL.